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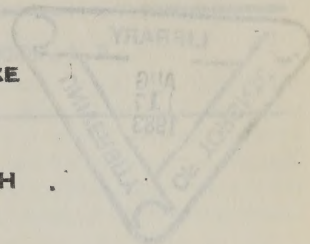
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(Average, 1935-1939=100)

Introduction

Monthly index numbers reflecting the current trend in the dollar volume of business transacted by wholesale merchants are now available for the nine-year period from 1935 to 1943 inclusive. These index numbers were formerly computed from monthly statements of sales submitted by approximately 300 firms representing nine different trades. In recent months the scope of these monthly surveys has been extended to include some 415 firms in the same nine lines of business and the index numbers from January, 1942, onward have been revised to reflect the more representative coverage. Sales of the 415 firms reporting represent approximately 68 per cent of the total volume of business of all wholesale merchants in the same nine lines of business as shown in the results of the Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments for 1941.

Monthly inventory figures are secured from only part of the total number of firms reporting their sales figures. Monthly index numbers of wholesalers' stocks have been computed for the wholesale grocery and the wholesale dry goods trades and these are published in this report following the tables of index numbers of sales. Charts are also presented illustrating the trend in stocks - sales ratios, that is, the ratio that inventories on hand at the end of each month bear to sales in the following month, inventories and sales having been first brought to the same price basis.

The indexes of wholesale sales are based on returns secured from regular wholesale merchants only. Agents, brokers and commission houses are excluded. The survey is further restricted to those firms engaged chiefly in servicing the retail trades and includes in its scope only the following kinds of business: automotive supply, drugs, clothing, footwear, dry goods, fruits and vegetables, groceries, hardware, tobacco and confectionery. Since manufacturing firms are not included, the indexes do not reflect the trend in wholesale business transacted directly between

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manufacturers and the retail trades.

General Summary, 1943

The general level of wholesale trading, as measured by the composite index for the nine lines of business for which figures are available averaged 7.7 per cent higher in 1943 than in 1942 and was 18.5 per cent higher than in 1941. The average annual index for the twelve months of 1943 stood at 168.2 indicating that the dollar volume of business transacted was 68.2 per cent above the average for the five years from 1935 to 1939 inclusive, this period forming the base on which the index numbers are computed.

Only a minor part of the overall increase in wholesale trading between 1942 and 1943 can be attributed to price increases, the Bureau's wholesale price index for consumers' goods advancing by only 1.6 per cent during this interval. The same wholesale price index for 1943 was 6.6 per cent higher than in 1941 and 27.4 per cent higher than the average for the five-year period between 1935 and 1939.

General results on a regional basis show that larger gains between 1942 and 1943 took place in the Eastern and Western parts of the country than in Central Canada. Percentage increases in sales between the two years with gains between 1941 and 1943 in brackets are as follows: Maritime Provinces, 12.4 per cent (24.9 per cent); Quebec, 5.7 per cent (15.1 per cent); Ontario, 5.5 per cent (15.1 per cent); Prairie Provinces, 10.8 per cent (22.1 per cent); and British Columbia, 8.5 per cent (23.1 per cent). Relative to the base period 1935-1939, sales in 1943 stood highest in the Maritime Provinces and British Columbia, the average annual indexes for these two regions being almost identical, 190.7 for the former and 190.8 for the latter. The general level of wholesale trading relative to the base period was similar for the other three divisions, the average annual indexes for 1943 standing at 166.0 for Ontario and 161.6 both for Quebec and the Prairie Provinces.

Substantial increases in the wholesale fruit and vegetable trade and in the automotive equipment trade form outstanding features of the comparison in sales between 1942 and 1943. Sales for the fruit and vegetable trade were 29.9 per cent higher in 1943 than in 1942 and were up 56.9 per cent compared with 1941. Increases, due mainly to higher prices but also in part to improvement in supplies, were recorded in all months of 1943 relative to the corresponding months of 1942 and extended to all parts of the country. Gains in the western part of the country exceeded those recorded in Central and Eastern Canada. Increases over 1942 were recorded as 24.2 per cent for the Maritime Provinces and Quebec combined, 23.5 per cent for Ontario and 38.8 per cent for the four western provinces.

Sales of wholesalers in the automotive equipment trade were 7 per cent higher in 1943 than in 1942 and were on a par with the volume of business transacted in 1941. Fluctuations in sales of this trade during recent years reflect the effects of the curtailment of new motor car production which took place at the close of 1941. The months immediately following the cessation of production witnessed marked expansion in the equipment supply trade with sales for the early months of 1942 exceeding by wide margins the volume of business transacted in the corresponding months of 1941. Commencing with April 1942, a reversal in trend took place which continued until April, 1943, with sales for each month standing considerably below the corresponding month of the preceding year. Sales for each of the last eight months of 1943 stood higher than for the corresponding months of 1942, sales for the eight-month period standing 20.6 per cent above the same eight-month period of 1942 but still slightly lower than in the corresponding interval of 1941.

The wholesale drug trade gained 11.2 per cent in 1943 compared with 1942 and the footwear trade was up 7.5 per cent. The dry goods trade was down by 5.8 per cent, results for nine of the twelve months showing decreases. Minor gains were recorded for the other trades included in the survey as follows: clothing, 3.9 per cent; grocery, 2.6 per cent; and hardware, 1.8 per cent.

Stocks on Hand

The dollar value of inventories held on December 31, 1943 was 2 per cent below the value of stock on hand at the end of December of the previous year. This 2 per cent decline is smaller than decreases recorded in earlier months of the year and thus reflects the gradual narrowing of the spread evident in corresponding month comparisons for the two years. Inventories carried by the fruit and vegetable trade were 21 per cent higher at the end of 1943 than at the close of 1942. Other gains were 15 per cent for the tobacco and confectionery trade, 6 per cent for the grocery trade, 4 per cent for the drug trade. Decreases in inventories ranging from 5 to 13 per cent were reported by the other trades included in the survey.

Sales Coverage in Wholesale Monthly Surveys

More than 400 wholesale firms are now reporting sales figures for the monthly survey of wholesale trade. The following table shows the numbers of firms reporting in the several trades sampled together with the total sales of these firms in 1941 and the ratios that the sales of the sample bear to the total sales of all similar firms as recorded in the results of the Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments for 1941.

Number and Sales of Firms Reporting to Monthly Surveys of Wholesale Trade

	Number of firms reporting	Sales of firms reporting, 1941	
		Amount	Per cent of total sales all similar firms
Total All trades Sampled		\$	
CANADA	415	529,549,500	68.3
Maritime Provinces	43	42,122,000	58.1
Quebec	122	120,468,600	57.3
Ontario	142	175,075,700	68.3
Prairie Provinces	70	131,125,900	81.7
British Columbia	38	60,797,500	80.4
Automotive Equipment trade			
CANADA	43	24,642,930	44.9
Maritime Provinces and Quebec	12	4,624,952	32.6
Ontario	17	10,708,993	41.2
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	14	9,308,985	63.4

Number and Sales of Firms Reporting to Monthly Surveys
of Wholesale Trade--(Concl'd)

	number of firms reporting	Sales of firms reporting, 1941	
		Amount	Per cent of total sales, all similar firms
		\$	
Wholesale Clothing Trade	34	11,656,051	56.1
Wholesale Footwear Trade	16	8,771,956	66.4
Wholesale Drug Trade --			
CANADA	20	31,676,336	68.9
Maritimes, Quebec, Ontario	14	23,781,088	38.6
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia.	6	7,895,248	91.3
Wholesale Dry Goods Trade --			
CANADA	50	47,456,609	58.0
Maritimes and Quebec	26	20,761,307	48.0
Ontario	12	16,220,637	65.0
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia.	12	10,474,665	77.2
Wholesale Grocery Trade --			
CANADA	79	206,979,750	76.6
Maritime Provinces	17	24,383,649	62.2
Quebec	22	34,975,596	66.2
Ontario	22	62,684,164	80.5
Prairie Provinces	12	60,209,500	84.9
British Columbia	6	24,726,841	84.7
Wholesale Fruits and vegetables --			
CANADA	48	62,002,006	59.5
Maritimes and Quebec	18	15,861,514	40.5
Ontario	18	21,233,688	67.8
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia.	12	24,906,804	73.8
Wholesale Hardware Trade --			
CANADA	54	87,933,018	81.2
Maritime Provinces	8	5,117,863	49.2
Quebec	17	22,361,153	80.6
Ontario	16	21,120,750	79.4
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia.	13	39,333,252	90.4
Wholesale Tobacco and Confectionery Trade.	71	48,430,813	63.5

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Month	General Index								
	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	66.1	69.1	78.5	76.6	77.6	98.0	106.2	132.5	142.2
February	70.9	73.5	82.8	80.4	79.9	98.9	110.6	136.4	148.5
March	81.4	85.5	102.5	98.4	98.0	104.1	125.1	156.2	175.9
April	86.1	91.8	105.8	100.3	97.7	115.1	141.6	155.3	165.4
May	93.9	97.5	108.2	107.1	113.8	136.3	148.6	159.3	165.4
June	89.5	99.9	112.6	112.3	111.4	126.1	140.6	167.5	175.4
July	92.5	101.3	109.3	101.0	103.3	112.8	147.1	155.5	173.2
August	95.1	101.0	110.1	110.1	115.2	123.4	156.6	158.5	173.4
September	100.5	113.6	127.1	119.7	159.1	133.2	171.2	178.9	186.2
October	105.6	116.4	120.4	109.7	132.0	143.4	170.5	172.4	176.5
November	95.0	101.1	108.3	106.3	115.6	131.7	147.4	153.9	172.2
December	85.1	96.0	97.5	97.3	105.3	125.0	137.4	147.4	164.1
Annual Average ...	88.5	95.6	105.3	101.6	109.1	120.7	141.9	156.2	168.2

Month	Maritime Provinces								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	61.3	63.5	77.3	79.6	75.1	103.3	111.5	134.0	140.8
February	61.3	66.1	77.6	78.5	74.5	91.2	112.6	133.7	145.5
March	77.3	79.5	99.2	99.4	95.0	106.9	132.7	163.0	186.1
April	83.6	93.5	109.4	101.0	95.3	118.4	149.9	166.8	182.5
May	96.3	95.6	109.9	110.9	119.4	141.4	156.2	178.7	191.2
June	85.0	99.8	114.8	111.5	112.5	127.0	148.3	192.0	208.7
July	93.1	101.9	114.5	105.5	111.3	126.0	170.5	177.8	211.2
August	87.6	93.6	107.6	104.7	114.3	124.4	163.1	171.7	197.6
September	98.7	112.9	131.8	116.4	165.6	144.8	184.2	194.3	211.2
October	104.2	114.9	124.5	112.1	134.7	158.5	190.2	193.2	211.0
November	96.4	104.7	115.2	108.3	124.2	144.8	168.1	178.9	212.7
December	83.0	98.6	103.8	101.3	111.9	132.0	144.9	152.3	189.9
Annual Average ...	85.7	93.7	107.1	102.4	111.2	126.6	152.7	169.7	190.7

Month	Quebec								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	59.4	62.2	71.8	69.9	69.1	91.3	94.9	119.1	136.5
February	70.2	72.0	82.1	81.1	80.0	97.9	108.2	133.7	150.7
March	83.0	88.4	103.0	101.5	100.6	106.0	122.6	164.7	176.7
April	88.2	93.9	110.5	104.0	95.4	118.7	140.5	160.0	166.4
May	97.8	99.7	115.1	111.4	120.0	141.7	148.4	164.4	161.9
June	90.8	103.7	118.3	112.1	112.9	125.8	141.8	170.4	162.2
July	85.0	90.9	100.4	87.5	90.4	100.3	134.8	139.5	150.0
August	87.1	89.4	106.0	97.3	100.9	107.6	144.5	146.8	146.9
September	106.8	116.2	136.5	125.0	163.4	136.1	180.3	179.8	179.1
October	112.6	122.0	133.6	115.7	141.0	151.2	180.1	173.6	180.2
November	99.8	107.4	113.5	111.1	120.9	134.9	156.3	152.2	173.1
December	89.5	89.9	98.3	94.3	102.4	119.4	132.4	130.3	155.7
Annual Average ...	89.2	94.6	107.4	100.7	108.1	119.2	140.4	152.9	161.6

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES (Average for 1935-1939=100)

General Index (Continued)

Month	Ontario								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	75.6	74.5	83.5	81.7	82.9	102.5	114.3	144.2	149.7
February	75.4	76.8	85.5	83.6	83.1	98.6	112.9	139.0	149.8
March	85.9	87.3	99.8	98.4	98.3	103.8	131.0	158.0	175.2
April	91.0	93.1	102.4	102.2	100.4	117.5	146.8	158.4	167.0
May	98.6	101.7	108.4	108.9	117.7	138.5	156.6	164.4	169.8
June	93.8	102.9	115.1	114.2	116.9	132.5	147.1	174.5	176.1
July	96.0	104.2	108.6	99.8	102.4	115.0	148.0	152.4	168.9
August	94.1	97.5	105.6	103.7	108.7	121.7	153.7	152.2	164.8
September	96.9	106.8	119.2	114.1	153.5	131.4	169.6	176.0	177.6
October	101.5	107.9	115.2	102.2	123.2	137.4	166.1	167.1	167.8
November	91.6	96.5	103.5	103.4	108.5	126.6	142.8	148.7	164.5
December	90.2	99.3	100.7	100.0	104.8	127.6	141.5	149.6	160.4
Annual Average ...	90.9	95.7	104.0	101.0	108.4	121.1	144.2	157.4	166.0

Month	Prairie Provinces								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	65.0	68.8	75.3	72.8	75.3	94.8	98.1	122.3	127.1
February	70.3	70.4	79.9	74.9	74.1	99.3	100.6	124.2	134.3
March	78.2	83.2	102.1	94.4	93.5	98.4	112.1	138.9	162.0
April	83.2	88.6	102.5	95.0	93.8	105.4	130.1	140.1	151.2
May	89.3	92.9	99.8	98.8	103.3	128.4	134.6	140.1	149.8
June	87.2	96.3	103.2	108.2	102.2	117.3	128.0	142.8	164.5
July	96.5	105.5	110.3	108.8	108.4	112.0	146.0	156.5	177.2
August	105.5	117.4	116.2	124.7	133.6	134.3	162.0	161.2	189.1
September	105.3	124.3	131.5	128.9	163.5	132.6	161.8	175.9	190.1
October	110.8	126.9	118.1	115.2	136.9	139.6	153.4	164.3	170.2
November	95.9	99.5	107.4	106.8	117.6	129.6	135.8	146.4	165.3
December	80.2	95.3	89.9	92.2	103.0	115.7	125.3	137.5	158.3
Annual Average	89.0	97.4	103.0	101.7	108.8	117.3	132.3	145.9	161.6

Month	British Columbia								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	59.6	71.1	85.9	82.3	85.5	101.6	120.4	148.1	168.4
February	66.7	78.2	86.0	84.7	85.4	102.0	126.6	159.6	170.6
March	76.6	83.8	110.1	103.1	103.8	111.7	137.6	169.5	201.7
April	78.4	90.3	111.0	100.9	105.4	123.5	152.3	167.4	184.0
May	84.5	94.2	114.5	113.4	116.7	141.1	160.9	174.4	188.5
June	83.8	94.3	117.3	117.4	115.7	131.1	148.0	188.3	209.2
July	88.7	103.5	122.8	108.7	113.7	124.0	161.7	185.6	206.6
August	91.9	97.4	116.3	117.7	114.6	129.2	166.0	167.3	195.1
September	88.4	100.9	118.2	109.7	153.7	127.1	172.9	184.1	200.9
October	92.8	104.3	114.1	104.1	126.0	144.1	192.4	191.1	187.5
November	91.7	103.2	109.5	101.4	113.2	133.7	162.4	180.3	190.4
December	77.2	98.2	101.2	104.6	112.8	144.6	158.2	194.9	187.1
Annual Average ...	81.7	93.3	108.9	104.0	112.2	126.1	155.0	175.9	190.8

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Wholesale Automotive Equipment Trade

Month	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	51.9	59.0	65.5	67.5	70.4	98.2	117.7	165.3	127.9
February	54.2	52.4	64.0	63.5	65.7	88.9	111.1	164.0	130.2
March	63.7	68.7	79.3	82.3	77.3	91.7	124.3	163.3	137.5
April	82.7	88.8	103.5	104.3	97.1	118.9	161.6	151.4	142.3
May	86.9	96.4	110.1	108.6	112.6	133.9	160.8	135.7	151.3
June	81.3	91.3	101.0	105.0	106.4	141.8	160.2	124.3	167.9
July	85.6	87.8	94.2	107.2	107.7	128.0	172.0	127.1	162.2
August	97.4	106.6	112.1	130.0	130.6	147.1	174.2	140.8	186.0
September	113.0	134.9	150.0	158.7	189.9	180.0	196.4	169.1	199.2
October	126.4	145.4	140.9	147.5	162.5	183.8	189.1	157.5	182.4
November	97.5	116.2	109.9	117.9	128.8	161.8	161.8	146.3	169.4
December	73.2	86.9	89.3	85.5	104.5	148.9	163.9	126.9	141.1
Annual Average ...	84.5	94.5	101.7	106.5	112.8	135.3	157.8	147.6	158.1

Month	Maritimes and Quebec								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	51.7	53.2	67.0	67.3	60.9	79.8	109.4	131.3	112.5
February	54.2	53.5	67.5	67.0	65.2	80.1	98.4	180.8	134.3
March	65.4	83.1	82.6	84.4	88.8	96.8	130.4	204.6	138.3
April	90.7	102.2	100.7	112.7	92.1	115.9	166.0	151.6	130.1
May	94.9	108.2	124.5	130.1	136.9	156.1	181.4	174.9	184.5
June	66.0	85.1	99.3	100.2	109.3	138.5	165.1	142.2	171.5
July	84.9	89.9	102.1	111.6	111.1	121.1	184.6	148.8	165.6
August	89.3	86.0	124.1	115.0	113.3	130.4	184.0	144.6	183.5
September	94.8	107.4	147.3	146.1	171.6	167.0	193.1	168.2	201.2
October	120.5	132.5	128.7	146.6	156.6	198.9	208.4	181.3	209.9
November	101.8	113.5	111.5	114.3	127.9	165.2	172.8	155.2	190.0
December	78.5	86.0	117.4	96.0	108.2	181.9	190.4	139.0	184.0
Annual Average ...	82.7	91.7	106.1	107.6	111.9	136.0	165.3	160.2	167.1

Month	Ontario								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	61.0	63.0	67.5	73.2	78.3	110.3	140.1	206.2	136.5
February	58.3	57.8	67.3	69.9	70.2	91.1	120.3	155.3	117.3
March	75.2	74.3	85.0	90.9	82.0	92.2	138.6	164.0	132.0
April	90.2	92.3	96.7	107.6	99.5	123.1	171.8	154.6	132.5
May	91.9	99.2	99.4	112.7	117.6	136.0	168.1	132.8	122.7
June	86.1	92.2	108.6	106.8	111.1	131.0	159.3	123.9	144.6
July	88.8	92.5	107.8	101.8	109.4	137.6	179.6	126.4	148.5
August	87.7	94.2	107.3	107.3	114.1	137.1	157.5	119.9	142.4
September	100.9	121.1	156.1	158.2	163.8	173.6	191.5	150.1	172.3
October	111.3	139.2	158.2	123.4	136.2	171.4	176.9	133.2	143.2
November	98.1	117.7	113.4	118.9	127.0	160.0	163.4	127.6	144.2
December	80.8	90.7	100.1	88.5	98.9	151.6	166.8	118.1	127.5
Annual Average ...	85.9	94.5	105.7	104.9	109.0	134.6	161.2	142.7	138.6

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Wholesale Automotive Equipment Trade--(Continued)

Month	Western Provinces								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	44.7	57.8	62.2	62.7	68.3	96.4	101.6	146.6	130.2
February	50.7	47.7	58.9	56.6	61.8	91.5	108.2	163.7	140.5
March	54.1	59.0	74.9	76.0	70.3	90.2	108.8	145.9	143.9
April	74.0	81.1	108.6	99.1	97.9	117.0	150.8	149.9	160.4
May	80.3	90.1	109.6	98.5	101.2	127.6	149.3	127.8	175.5
June	82.5	91.3	95.5	103.3	100.0	156.8	160.4	118.1	194.3
July	83.3	83.3	82.8	106.6	104.0	118.8	158.0	118.0	175.0
August	107.1	123.3	111.5	149.1	147.6	155.8	179.9	155.4	226.3
September	128.1	134.7	149.1	165.4	213.6	182.4	192.6	179.9	215.0
October	139.7	154.8	136.2	163.0	181.3	175.8	177.7	161.0	199.2
November	95.3	116.0	107.0	118.1	129.4	160.5	153.8	162.4	187.4
December	65.3	84.2	80.4	86.9	114.3	141.9	159.4	139.8	146.4
Annual Average ...	83.8	95.3	98.1	107.1	115.8	134.6	150.0	147.4	174.5

Wholesale Clothing Trade

Month	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	41.0	46.8	48.0	47.2	46.4	66.2	71.4	101.8	186.0
February	65.9	66.8	76.3	68.2	68.1	102.3	100.0	139.9	205.1
March	85.0	89.3	111.1	99.1	93.2	110.2	118.4	170.0	199.9
April	86.8	94.9	102.5	97.0	87.1	109.4	138.7	170.6	195.2
May	87.6	92.9	101.2	89.5	98.4	115.9	134.9	169.4	161.6
June	74.7	83.2	91.6	77.4	81.0	86.3	113.7	154.6	161.4
July	59.7	63.1	71.1	54.7	61.3	74.2	103.7	134.2	146.1
August	99.3	110.3	127.4	114.3	116.4	132.9	185.3	202.7	194.8
September	151.3	156.2	165.8	152.4	179.8	187.1	216.1	239.2	209.3
October	152.6	150.1	161.0	134.1	185.4	178.9	220.4	227.9	184.4
November	125.8	125.3	125.0	124.1	155.9	164.0	182.5	203.5	173.2
December	98.4	93.1	94.7	93.2	100.0	125.6	128.4	136.5	113.0
Annual Average ...	94.0	97.7	106.3	95.9	106.1	121.1	142.8	170.9	177.5

Wholesale Footwear Trade

Month	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	35.6	38.0	53.1	39.5	40.9	70.1	55.2	93.2	159.7
February	54.7	57.2	79.1	63.4	69.7	105.1	104.9	149.8	194.0
March	97.4	107.0	107.2	102.9	125.8	122.0	137.1	191.3	190.5
April	99.3	91.5	121.0	107.4	98.4	147.7	177.4	197.3	188.0
May	93.0	103.3	115.4	105.1	131.8	140.5	139.4	161.8	147.9
June	80.0	95.2	101.9	96.2	106.4	107.4	114.7	130.6	157.6
July	62.4	69.4	63.1	55.3	63.7	70.7	84.8	122.8	130.7
August	85.1	98.2	121.0	108.2	120.8	112.9	140.4	170.2	174.3
September	105.2	133.2	165.4	145.6	165.5	173.3	202.9	224.0	199.1
October	123.0	168.2	164.7	105.7	168.2	174.8	216.6	222.7	188.2
November	125.6	113.5	96.8	122.2	125.5	136.0	153.0	144.9	174.2
December	124.0	89.2	100.0	83.0	120.8	129.9	172.2	133.5	173.4
Annual Average ...	90.4	97.0	107.4	93.7	111.5	124.2	141.6	161.0	173.1

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Wholesale Drug Trade

Month	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	81.0	85.3	94.6	97.4	101.2	113.9	142.7	160.5	172.7
February	84.0	87.3	101.5	93.1	101.1	112.6	129.8	152.1	172.0
March	89.2	93.2	103.1	103.1	113.4	110.6	131.3	155.5	186.1
April	85.7	91.6	102.8	102.5	106.3	123.4	141.9	174.3	185.6
May	85.6	89.1	96.7	100.6	110.1	125.4	140.6	155.4	173.4
June	81.4	90.1	100.9	100.8	104.7	114.4	133.2	158.8	174.0
July	85.3	90.9	100.1	98.3	101.0	111.5	140.5	156.4	178.0
August	86.9	87.2	103.1	107.4	110.9	123.7	147.3	161.6	173.1
September	92.0	102.0	120.2	118.6	135.5	130.0	160.8	182.2	197.9
October	96.0	108.0	115.0	112.9	122.3	138.5	170.8	196.4	207.8
November	94.3	102.7	109.6	109.8	116.7	136.2	154.9	178.4	200.5
December	85.7	95.1	102.7	104.9	108.9	132.6	148.6	156.2	189.2
Annual Average ...	87.3	93.5	104.2	104.1	111.0	122.7	145.2	165.6	184.2

Month	Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	80.6	84.2	93.6	98.5	101.9	115.0	145.8	163.9	173.6
February	83.4	87.4	101.9	92.6	101.9	112.1	131.6	154.1	173.2
March	88.7	92.0	103.9	101.9	113.0	109.2	132.5	154.5	181.2
April	84.6	90.8	102.2	102.7	104.8	121.3	143.7	174.6	184.2
May	85.4	88.6	97.1	101.4	110.8	125.2	141.1	155.9	172.9
June	81.0	89.4	101.0	100.5	104.9	115.0	134.4	159.5	171.0
July	84.6	90.3	101.6	96.4	100.1	111.6	140.1	155.4	174.4
August	85.8	85.4	104.0	105.4	109.1	122.8	148.2	161.4	170.3
September	93.2	102.0	124.2	120.0	139.0	130.7	162.9	186.5	199.2
October	96.1	107.3	117.4	111.9	122.3	139.5	174.0	197.3	207.0
November	93.2	101.6	110.9	109.6	116.2	136.5	156.2	180.6	199.4
December	87.0	96.3	105.2	104.6	108.3	132.8	149.5	156.4	192.4
Annual Average ...	87.0	92.9	105.3	103.8	111.0	122.6	146.7	166.7	183.2

Month	Western Provinces								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	81.8	87.9	97.1	93.8	98.7	110.1	132.3	149.6	168.0
February	85.7	87.1	100.9	95.0	99.4	116.0	126.0	147.9	170.2
March	90.8	96.3	101.3	107.3	115.2	115.7	127.4	158.1	200.3
April	88.7	93.6	104.1	101.3	109.8	128.2	134.0	169.6	185.4
May	86.1	90.4	95.2	98.1	107.6	125.8	138.6	153.2	174.3
June	82.7	91.7	100.1	101.2	103.2	112.0	128.5	155.0	180.9
July	86.8	92.1	95.6	103.3	103.2	110.3	140.9	158.1	187.3
August	90.2	92.4	100.5	113.4	116.1	125.9	143.3	160.8	179.3
September	88.6	101.9	108.5	114.6	124.7	129.4	159.6	175.1	200.3
October	95.7	109.9	107.9	115.8	121.9	134.8	159.3	191.5	208.0
November	97.5	106.0	105.6	110.5	118.4	135.8	151.1	172.3	203.5
December	82.0	91.8	95.9	106.1	110.8	132.2	145.8	156.0	180.6
Annual Average ...	88.1	95.1	101.1	105.0	110.8	123.0	140.6	162.3	186.5

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Wholesale Dry Goods Trade

Month	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	64.0	62.8	67.0	64.1	65.4	87.5	91.8	131.4	174.9
February	77.8	77.4	92.2	81.6	75.3	110.9	112.2	151.9	173.6
March	95.8	101.5	110.9	105.4	96.3	119.8	130.9	191.8	180.3
April	96.1	99.8	110.0	101.9	88.0	110.9	139.0	179.9	152.7
May	94.0	97.9	109.5	100.4	103.8	117.4	142.9	169.2	150.4
June	83.8	90.3	103.4	89.5	88.5	103.2	129.1	162.3	141.7
July	68.4	67.6	77.7	61.7	62.2	70.6	103.9	124.7	124.8
August	94.9	97.2	115.0	99.8	96.8	112.6	169.5	167.0	148.5
September	127.5	139.7	154.8	132.7	182.2	162.7	220.0	205.9	166.4
October	123.0	134.0	146.6	118.4	172.3	149.2	195.0	182.7	154.4
November	106.8	113.7	120.7	113.5	142.2	141.6	166.8	148.5	138.6
December	81.5	86.4	87.1	84.6	96.1	106.0	100.6	107.0	105.0
Annual Average ...	92.8	97.4	107.9	96.1	105.8	116.5	141.8	160.2	150.9

Month	Maritimes and Quebec								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	52.2	56.3	56.6	56.0	54.8	76.1	82.1	123.2	169.5
February	71.0	72.0	87.3	77.8	72.2	103.2	103.8	139.3	171.5
March	97.1	108.8	113.6	107.5	97.7	125.7	132.2	198.7	181.6
April	101.7	107.3	120.8	114.9	98.1	125.1	149.1	200.2	157.6
May	99.4	101.7	118.0	108.8	109.1	126.8	149.9	171.5	148.2
June	90.8	97.6	114.3	94.8	99.6	110.4	140.6	175.2	148.9
July	61.9	62.8	73.5	52.6	54.0	63.4	86.0	100.4	101.0
August	82.5	87.0	105.9	86.6	84.7	95.8	149.6	151.5	127.6
September	133.7	137.7	160.4	134.5	193.3	180.6	227.9	204.9	168.8
October	123.2	129.3	154.9	117.1	171.2	156.7	199.2	168.3	151.3
November	99.6	111.3	115.3	106.0	145.0	138.3	179.0	137.3	135.1
December	86.2	88.2	89.3	88.2	104.6	115.1	100.8	86.9	91.8
Annual Average ...	91.6	96.7	109.2	95.4	107.0	116.1	141.7	154.8	146.1

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Wholesale Dry Goods Trade--(Continued)

Month	Ontario								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	78.2	73.7	81.0	78.9	82.0	107.9	111.0	163.5	195.2
February	87.2	84.1	101.5	89.7	80.9	122.4	127.8	180.5	190.2
March	102.8	98.8	108.8	105.1	93.0	117.4	136.1	196.1	173.7
April	101.7	100.2	101.1	94.6	82.7	105.0	139.2	179.3	142.5
May	96.6	103.1	106.4	98.1	107.2	117.5	153.1	187.4	159.9
June	88.6	89.6	104.2	92.2	87.3	107.3	136.2	168.1	130.8
July	66.7	64.7	74.8	65.7	67.4	83.5	122.0	133.1	116.6
August	90.6	88.1	107.9	93.7	95.7	121.7	188.8	173.5	153.9
September	124.5	127.4	142.3	124.7	182.2	158.0	231.3	209.3	163.3
October	118.6	124.8	130.0	109.5	168.8	143.3	201.0	188.1	154.2
November	106.1	108.7	115.8	113.8	142.5	137.8	178.1	154.6	140.7
December	85.0	87.5	89.2	85.0	98.2	105.9	94.9	121.5	109.0
Annual Average ...	95.6	95.9	105.3	95.9	107.3	119.0	151.6	171.3	152.5

Month	Western Provinces								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	66.0	59.9	66.8	58.7	62.5	81.3	85.0	106.4	161.1
February	77.2	78.1	88.1	77.1	73.1	108.4	104.7	135.4	153.5
March	83.7	92.2	109.2	102.6	99.7	113.4	121.1	173.1	187.3
April	77.6	85.4	102.3	88.4	76.8	92.9	117.3	140.6	153.4
May	79.9	83.2	96.6	86.8	88.4	99.0	114.0	138.2	139.7
June	64.2	78.5	82.8	76.7	69.8	83.4	97.3	129.0	141.5
July	82.9	81.1	89.6	74.3	71.5	94.3	116.3	164.8	187.9
August	123.2	128.0	140.8	131.9	120.2	130.3	177.2	183.4	177.9
September	120.0	160.6	161.9	140.6	161.8	136.9	186.7	191.8	162.6
October	128.5	155.2	154.3	132.7	179.2	144.9	180.4	203.1	162.1
November	120.2	124.8	137.4	127.3	137.3	152.5	149.5	175.2	156.3
December	67.7	81.4	79.5	77.2	77.3	90.0	106.5	120.3	121.3
Annual Average ...	90.9	100.7	109.1	97.9	101.5	110.6	130.0	155.7	158.7

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Month	Wholesale Grocery Trade									
	Canada									
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	
January	73.3	77.1	85.7	81.4	81.9	104.6	106.7	127.2	124.8	
February	73.5	79.1	83.1	82.5	82.3	96.7	106.4	125.6	129.5	
March	79.9	82.9	98.9	96.5	96.7	98.1	117.4	141.2	153.3	
April	81.9	88.4	95.8	92.6	94.4	107.8	132.4	135.0	143.4	
May	90.9	92.3	99.9	101.4	107.1	133.8	137.1	142.2	143.1	
June	89.9	96.7	108.6	111.9	111.3	120.9	132.3	163.3	162.0	
July	101.1	111.1	118.0	109.3	111.3	111.3	151.0	155.1	158.4	
August	99.2	105.1	110.4	113.1	118.9	119.5	153.8	153.2	155.8	
September	99.0	109.0	122.2	114.6	163.4	119.1	157.0	165.5	168.1	
October	107.5	114.3	116.4	106.3	125.5	138.6	160.9	163.0	152.4	
November	96.5	101.4	110.8	105.2	108.5	124.7	137.0	143.7	156.6	
December	87.0	98.1	98.8	97.9	102.0	119.0	124.6	143.3	155.6	
Annual Average ..	90.0	96.3	104.1	101.1	108.6	116.2	134.7	146.5	150.3	

Month	Maritime Provinces									
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	
January	64.1	68.8	84.0	88.1	82.1	115.5	117.9	140.2	145.9	
February	64.2	72.7	80.7	84.0	81.7	96.9	121.2	136.4	145.9	
March	74.7	76.3	93.7	100.9	98.2	107.6	136.9	159.8	182.3	
April	72.8	84.0	100.4	92.4	92.7	114.9	143.9	153.0	174.6	
May	90.3	93.1	103.7	109.9	117.2	143.3	149.7	176.0	182.2	
June	80.6	98.0	112.9	113.4	112.5	126.7	142.3	189.8	195.7	
July	95.6	109.2	119.4	113.2	116.5	129.2	178.0	173.4	194.6	
August	88.6	97.2	108.8	110.4	122.2	128.2	163.3	167.9	189.7	
September	91.5	105.9	122.4	112.6	169.7	131.7	167.0	176.5	200.9	
October	100.2	109.9	119.8	112.1	131.4	155.2	186.2	183.6	201.4	
November	96.6	101.8	117.3	110.1	118.3	144.0	163.4	173.2	211.3	
December	82.9	101.1	108.2	105.9	112.3	130.5	141.1	154.9	193.5	
Annual Average ..	83.5	93.2	105.9	104.4	112.9	127.0	150.9	165.4	184.8	

Month	Quebec									
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	
January	62.3	63.6	75.0	66.2	63.5	90.2	86.7	99.9	108.3	
February	70.7	73.6	75.6	76.5	74.2	85.4	95.6	108.5	118.7	
March	79.0	76.0	89.8	94.3	90.0	87.3	99.8	133.4	140.9	
April	78.3	86.2	96.8	87.2	85.8	105.5	120.2	123.7	143.1	
May	100.4	92.9	103.4	100.9	114.2	144.6	135.5	141.2	144.9	
June	93.9	96.1	112.8	108.6	101.0	113.4	128.8	161.9	144.6	
July	102.5	106.6	108.3	100.6	100.6	109.8	155.0	149.0	146.0	
August	97.9	97.1	103.5	98.0	106.1	107.6	149.1	148.5	142.6	
September	105.9	113.6	130.1	110.5	163.6	113.7	161.3	169.7	157.5	
October	127.9	137.3	142.0	126.7	139.2	160.1	177.7	173.8	158.9	
November	111.1	122.7	134.8	125.4	124.6	143.5	153.3	153.6	162.4	
December	90.8	94.0	102.5	93.3	94.1	108.1	117.3	126.1	145.6	
Annual Average ..	93.4	96.6	106.2	99.0	104.7	114.1	131.7	140.8	142.8	

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Wholesale Grocery Trade--(Continued)

Month	Ontario								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	85.6	82.4	88.6	83.8	83.1	102.8	104.9	127.3	128.1
February	80.6	82.5	83.2	82.8	83.1	93.1	102.4	120.5	129.7
March	84.9	86.0	95.0	93.8	94.6	95.6	119.5	138.7	156.0
April	87.4	86.9	94.2	93.3	95.1	107.2	129.6	129.9	148.6
May	96.0	94.4	98.9	99.7	105.6	126.4	134.4	135.6	146.7
June	95.9	102.2	110.1	114.4	118.6	129.6	135.6	170.0	165.1
July	109.2	114.1	116.4	108.5	110.1	111.1	144.2	148.7	163.7
August	100.3	103.6	106.6	107.7	112.7	113.5	144.0	154.2	156.2
September	100.8	107.5	115.6	112.5	156.2	117.4	154.3	167.6	165.8
October	105.6	108.1	111.5	99.1	113.8	128.2	149.5	158.8	154.4
November	95.4	97.2	103.1	102.6	97.3	115.0	126.0	139.1	154.8
December	94.8	102.7	100.6	99.6	100.4	120.6	124.1	143.6	158.2
Annual Average	94.7	97.3	102.0	99.8	106.1	113.4	130.7	144.5	152.3

Month	Prairie Provinces								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	74.0	80.9	84.8	81.8	83.8	103.3	105.2	127.0	114.7
February	73.5	77.8	83.2	81.8	82.0	103.6	103.5	122.3	119.6
March	78.3	85.2	105.1	95.9	96.5	97.1	112.0	130.8	142.7
April	84.2	92.0	93.5	91.6	93.5	101.4	129.6	131.7	123.4
May	87.4	92.0	96.7	97.1	100.9	129.9	130.8	132.9	126.1
June	86.9	95.1	101.7	107.2	105.3	112.8	123.6	139.1	148.0
July	99.7	113.9	120.0	111.0	112.0	105.1	147.9	154.9	146.2
August	104.0	114.7	114.7	119.4	130.7	125.7	157.3	147.9	148.8
September	100.6	113.9	128.3	120.0	164.4	121.3	154.1	158.6	163.5
October	107.8	116.9	110.5	105.2	129.4	133.0	149.8	154.6	131.9
November	93.7	93.5	104.4	101.3	109.6	121.1	127.4	129.8	136.2
December	85.2	96.8	94.6	93.1	101.0	112.0	119.7	134.3	144.9
Annual Average	89.6	97.7	103.1	100.5	109.1	113.9	130.1	138.7	137.2

Month	British Columbia								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	63.7	76.0	92.8	86.0	92.9	114.4	125.5	144.7	135.6
February	67.8	83.9	91.4	88.4	89.7	100.7	121.4	155.6	147.4
March	77.1	82.2	104.9	102.9	106.7	110.6	129.5	163.3	160.2
April	75.3	87.4	99.6	98.2	103.2	117.2	147.2	150.1	147.2
May	79.7	87.8	103.6	110.4	112.1	143.6	157.1	161.0	147.3
June	85.1	88.6	113.4	118.5	118.6	121.3	141.7	179.0	179.0
July	89.9	104.8	125.9	114.2	120.1	111.2	144.4	160.1	156.9
August	93.7	99.3	115.4	125.1	115.9	124.0	161.9	151.2	154.8
September	89.4	98.8	114.8	112.6	168.5	115.9	157.9	163.3	174.1
October	94.5	101.4	112.1	99.5	122.8	137.0	177.4	166.2	153.2
November	90.5	105.1	111.9	96.3	106.9	118.9	147.8	155.5	163.3
December	74.3	95.1	96.6	106.1	109.8	136.6	132.6	177.4	155.8
Annual Average	81.8	92.5	106.9	104.9	113.9	120.9	145.4	160.6	156.2

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939=100)

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables Trade

Month	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	61.3	63.1	74.8	76.3	77.7	84.2	94.0	117.6	141.5
February	70.9	66.7	78.9	80.7	80.0	92.5	99.0	119.3	159.3
March	79.5	84.7	103.2	98.6	101.4	102.1	117.7	147.8	206.2
April	95.3	96.8	112.8	110.8	109.0	119.3	134.6	157.6	209.9
May	109.7	112.4	125.1	125.5	132.2	145.5	160.5	188.4	215.5
June	103.1	125.2	133.8	134.9	129.7	142.7	148.6	182.5	224.1
July	100.3	118.8	117.4	110.1	113.0	128.0	143.7	164.1	233.5
August	89.6	102.4	103.8	101.7	110.2	118.0	136.2	151.7	215.7
September	89.5	106.2	117.7	111.6	131.2	121.6	150.2	185.6	221.2
October	87.8	95.5	102.3	93.8	101.2	112.3	130.3	157.5	209.8
November	77.6	80.8	91.9	89.8	95.4	103.2	119.0	148.9	201.6
December	87.7	99.7	100.2	107.0	111.2	125.2	141.2	182.3	234.1
Annual Average ..	87.7	96.0	105.2	103.4	107.7	116.2	131.3	158.6	206.0

Month	Maritimes and Quebec								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	64.5	61.2	68.1	78.7	75.6	71.5	82.4	104.4	127.6
February	76.8	68.9	80.3	96.1	99.1	109.8	116.6	144.1	175.9
March	83.2	92.2	115.7	106.9	112.8	104.5	127.1	167.5	218.4
April	109.3	100.0	111.9	116.4	110.1	118.6	128.9	168.9	209.3
May	119.8	119.6	137.1	134.7	142.5	144.9	165.9	211.0	237.8
June	111.5	157.3	157.0	152.1	155.0	149.7	165.7	213.1	245.5
July	89.4	104.0	108.8	86.5	94.0	108.1	119.3	141.1	202.8
August	72.5	76.7	91.3	79.9	74.4	84.4	103.1	115.7	141.8
September	100.3	113.4	141.4	118.8	130.1	132.1	163.9	180.0	202.0
October	81.8	78.8	98.7	87.3	79.4	90.5	114.7	140.3	181.8
November	74.8	75.6	83.4	83.8	92.4	91.3	121.4	150.3	207.1
December	86.3	82.6	98.8	101.2	99.0	115.5	135.9	162.1	208.1
Annual Average ..	89.2	94.2	107.7	103.5	105.4	110.1	128.7	158.2	196.5

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939=100)

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables Trade--(Continued)

Month	Ontario								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	67.5	68.9	85.1	83.4	86.4	95.9	108.7	135.4	164.6
February	74.9	75.0	85.4	90.5	87.6	93.5	104.7	129.9	168.2
March	84.4	90.8	106.4	106.6	112.1	112.1	130.4	162.5	209.5
April	97.5	105.0	113.7	119.4	123.2	132.3	150.3	170.6	212.2
May	112.4	119.7	131.7	135.3	142.7	160.1	184.9	211.3	212.8
June	99.5	122.7	139.4	130.4	135.0	149.5	155.5	187.4	227.7
July	98.6	128.8	118.5	106.5	114.7	134.0	156.6	164.6	223.7
August	88.7	98.4	99.6	97.2	100.6	122.1	137.5	138.2	189.9
September	70.2	86.0	95.7	88.4	108.1	111.8	133.0	147.2	179.6
October	81.2	84.8	97.3	88.4	95.1	115.1	135.5	147.6	181.7
November	71.7	77.2	90.1	86.9	88.3	106.0	122.5	144.8	192.1
December	87.7	96.6	103.7	109.7	108.6	128.0	155.9	187.9	218.0
Annual Average ...	86.2	96.2	105.6	103.6	108.5	121.7	139.6	160.6	198.3

Month	Western Provinces								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	50.8	55.1	65.3	65.6	67.5	76.3	82.4	102.7	121.0
February	60.8	55.7	68.8	63.6	63.4	81.2	83.8	96.5	141.2
March	70.5	72.9	90.7	84.4	83.9	88.4	97.8	119.1	187.6
April	80.6	80.8	102.3	92.9	88.5	99.8	114.1	126.9	189.6
May	97.8	97.8	108.3	107.8	113.2	126.9	130.8	148.1	193.3
June	100.4	112.3	118.0	127.9	113.4	132.4	132.8	160.8	207.6
July	110.9	123.3	125.7	127.5	125.0	137.3	151.2	179.2	261.6
August	104.2	125.2	120.5	123.2	142.9	138.8	158.2	187.2	293.3
September	104.2	123.6	132.4	131.7	153.6	129.6	163.3	225.4	272.3
October	100.5	117.2	115.2	107.2	119.4	123.3	135.6	175.9	250.0
November	86.7	89.4	101.0	98.4	106.9	112.1	121.5	159.9	217.3
December	88.5	109.8	98.8	108.1	118.3	125.7	130.6	187.1	258.4
Annual Average ..	88.0	96.9	103.9	103.2	108.0	114.3	125.2	155.7	216.1

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939=100)

Wholesale Hardware Trade

Month	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	50.4	53.9	68.2	67.7	66.1	90.1	108.0	147.1	149.2
February	57.6	59.4	76.0	71.3	67.1	95.8	118.3	156.0	155.5
March	76.9	81.9	114.3	100.3	93.1	104.5	142.2	178.7	188.2
April	85.2	94.7	130.9	110.5	101.0	127.2	166.0	183.8	184.0
May	97.3	105.3	124.8	117.4	123.3	150.1	175.9	179.1	182.5
June	89.0	104.4	125.5	119.4	116.0	139.6	166.5	181.0	184.6
July	87.7	95.3	113.0	102.7	105.2	128.1	175.9	181.4	179.9
August	91.5	97.4	112.7	113.1	116.1	140.5	177.2	167.1	174.6
September	94.8	114.3	128.4	122.3	163.3	150.0	196.2	177.8	181.0
October	98.1	122.4	123.1	115.8	143.0	162.1	200.2	173.2	173.5
November	90.5	103.1	106.9	109.9	126.9	153.0	181.3	167.5	176.5
December	71.5	94.7	91.8	89.9	106.6	141.8	175.0	147.2	147.6
Annual Average ...	82.5	93.9	109.6	103.4	110.6	131.9	165.2	170.0	173.1

Month	Maritime Provinces								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	57.8	50.4	67.1	62.3	62.5	87.1	100.8	135.8	108.5
February	47.4	46.4	63.0	66.7	48.7	66.9	91.4	119.2	118.6
March	77.0	78.0	114.4	102.6	81.8	98.3	117.0	165.4	146.9
April	106.5	115.0	135.8	119.4	100.7	114.7	159.4	189.8	174.0
May	112.8	98.1	126.9	114.5	128.8	138.7	164.9	171.5	184.9
June	101.6	110.1	127.8	116.4	117.3	128.3	156.0	181.4	190.8
July	97.3	98.6	120.7	106.7	112.4	119.4	146.9	162.0	167.0
August	91.6	98.9	106.4	104.5	111.2	120.1	160.6	157.2	174.5
September	97.3	122.2	138.7	114.9	161.2	150.2	210.1	188.5	186.8
October	105.0	123.7	134.1	106.8	140.9	169.2	193.6	176.2	198.6
November	92.9	105.9	110.1	101.5	128.9	141.1	172.0	152.2	166.4
December	67.7	83.4	84.3	73.8	101.5	112.7	145.3	113.0	131.5
Annual Average ...	87.9	94.2	110.8	99.2	108.0	120.6	151.5	159.4	162.4

Month	Quebec								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	47.7	55.3	70.7	74.0	71.9	100.7	110.2	151.1	153.4
February	48.2	51.3	71.7	71.4	66.4	87.9	101.7	131.1	140.4
March	63.6	69.3	103.1	92.0	88.4	93.4	133.6	170.7	173.9
April	80.5	93.7	124.9	113.3	87.8	118.6	163.5	180.2	168.7
May	97.6	107.2	138.6	125.6	131.8	153.7	174.6	177.7	163.1
June	84.0	106.0	127.9	119.6	127.2	148.1	171.6	184.1	167.0
July	84.3	94.1	119.4	100.1	109.9	129.2	176.7	181.8	158.9
August	86.8	91.6	119.1	110.2	109.6	130.5	181.3	168.2	162.0
September	96.9	111.8	138.5	132.4	185.0	152.8	215.0	190.1	177.6
October	95.7	115.8	130.0	117.2	157.0	164.2	204.6	183.3	169.2
November	84.9	103.1	110.2	113.9	122.0	151.1	191.0	170.6	181.5
December	69.7	90.0	96.0	95.3	99.4	130.9	163.2	127.8	143.9
Annual Average ...	78.3	90.8	112.5	105.4	113.0	130.1	165.6	168.1	163.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939=100)

Wholesale Hardware Trade--(Continued)

Month	Ontario								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	59.1	59.8	75.5	74.7	72.5	97.8	129.0	171.4	127.2
February	51.8	54.9	81.2	72.3	63.8	86.9	121.3	160.7	129.0
March	79.5	81.7	107.7	98.1	87.6	99.7	154.2	183.2	164.0
April	88.7	96.5	128.3	114.0	96.9	130.5	180.0	188.8	174.3
May	101.8	113.3	120.7	120.3	128.1	162.2	195.1	187.7	166.7
June	104.6	113.3	136.6	127.4	124.6	148.6	189.2	188.3	166.8
July	92.9	96.5	115.9	97.9	95.4	124.6	171.0	165.0	138.6
August	78.4	84.3	99.6	90.0	95.7	125.4	157.3	136.9	125.7
September	87.9	104.3	122.1	113.9	170.5	152.2	208.8	170.8	168.4
October	100.4	117.0	124.3	110.9	138.4	159.4	204.7	147.0	153.5
November	89.7	99.8	108.0	107.6	122.3	152.8	183.4	145.3	153.4
December	82.4	108.0	101.8	97.5	110.3	155.3	198.0	140.6	132.7
Annual Average ...	84.8	94.1	110.1	102.1	108.8	133.0	174.3	165.5	150.0

Month	Western Provinces								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	48.0	51.9	65.0	63.8	62.4	84.3	99.6	137.6	171.9
February	63.1	64.3	76.3	70.1	69.3	104.6	124.1	165.2	174.6
March	80.2	86.0	118.9	102.4	96.5	109.2	139.2	175.9	204.7
April	83.6	92.5	134.0	107.7	107.7	129.7	159.9	161.0	196.2
May	94.7	103.7	121.0	114.4	118.6	147.1	172.1	180.2	205.6
June	85.2	100.6	121.2	117.6	109.4	136.3	158.7	180.9	208.2
July	86.7	95.4	109.2	105.0	105.7	129.2	180.1	190.5	215.1
August	96.9	103.1	114.5	121.4	124.4	148.3	178.9	175.7	199.6
September	96.5	118.2	126.4	122.9	154.9	151.4	185.5	179.4	194.3
October	98.1	127.0	119.4	118.3	139.9	161.9	195.4	180.2	182.2
November	92.4	103.6	105.0	110.1	129.9	153.9	175.9	178.5	186.2
December	69.7	93.8	88.3	87.5	107.1	142.3	171.2	161.8	155.7
Annual Average ...	82.9	95.0	108.3	103.4	110.5	133.2	161.7	173.9	191.2

Wholesale Tobacco and Confectionery Trade

Month	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	68.7	71.0	81.8	84.8	90.9	112.4	125.4	144.3	159.9
February	69.7	74.5	80.9	87.9	90.4	105.2	124.0	140.0	159.9
March	77.2	80.2	95.4	102.1	101.3	116.9	135.5	155.0	221.3
April	83.0	88.1	105.4	107.0	104.3	124.2	151.6	164.9	189.8
May	91.6	96.7	108.4	113.0	128.1	150.4	161.5	179.6	208.9
June	89.9	100.1	115.1	124.9	124.2	156.2	159.5	205.3	218.5
July	94.2	96.5	113.7	110.5	112.8	132.2	158.5	166.9	215.8
August	95.4	91.5	107.2	108.8	119.4	128.7	154.8	171.1	209.3
September	87.0	96.0	102.4	106.2	131.4	121.2	151.9	182.9	226.6
October	95.3	96.6	104.3	107.4	116.8	138.7	163.4	186.4	231.7
November	90.5	94.6	102.1	107.5	114.0	135.1	162.1	179.3	222.9
December	97.6	105.6	113.7	117.2	130.0	143.4	168.8	193.6	222.8
Annual Average ...	86.7	91.0	102.5	106.4	113.4	130.6	150.6	172.4	207.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939=100)

Wholesale Tobacco and Confectionery Trade--(Cont'd)

Month	Quebec								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	65.4	66.5	86.6	87.6	99.2	135.0	138.9	155.8	153.9
February	65.6	74.6	81.7	93.8	98.5	112.6	134.4	150.8	153.8
March	71.8	76.7	96.4	107.9	105.8	133.0	140.0	167.6	243.9
April	77.2	89.0	114.9	115.1	114.4	143.1	166.6	177.9	218.5
May	87.1	98.8	115.7	124.9	140.4	176.4	177.5	203.1	213.7
June	86.9	103.9	124.8	145.8	143.1	184.3	185.4	218.0	238.3
July	89.2	92.0	119.6	114.9	118.7	127.5	166.6	160.4	223.0
August	90.3	83.9	106.7	104.1	121.7	125.8	154.1	178.8	213.7
September	80.1	86.9	93.3	98.2	123.1	111.7	150.8	179.3	247.8
October	85.3	85.0	96.4	102.6	119.6	132.6	159.5	169.2	252.3
November	85.5	90.5	94.4	103.1	107.3	131.5	148.6	169.3	233.3
December	94.1	98.9	109.4	115.7	130.1	141.7	170.5	181.1	236.3
Annual Average ...	81.5	87.2	103.3	109.5	118.5	137.9	157.7	175.9	219.0

Month	Ontario								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	71.3	74.6	78.9	83.8	83.8	99.9	118.5	137.9	161.3
February	69.5	74.3	80.0	85.6	85.7	100.5	120.1	136.0	162.2
March	80.5	81.1	93.3	100.3	98.5	109.2	137.0	152.6	209.7
April	87.6	86.6	99.6	103.6	98.7	115.7	149.5	161.3	174.7
May	96.3	97.0	106.8	110.1	119.5	142.7	159.8	173.7	225.5
June	92.7	99.3	112.8	116.5	118.7	146.8	151.5	205.6	212.6
July	100.7	102.7	114.2	112.5	109.1	133.8	156.9	163.0	211.7
August	100.7	96.2	110.6	114.6	120.3	134.8	162.6	179.3	210.1
September	87.2	98.7	108.9	110.4	137.4	130.9	158.3	196.9	220.1
October	96.8	98.9	107.9	106.9	108.2	137.7	161.9	193.3	213.8
November	87.5	90.6	105.0	106.2	115.5	135.9	154.5	186.2	213.9
December	96.2	107.7	116.8	116.8	127.0	147.2	169.7	198.4	212.1
Annual Average ...	88.9	92.3	102.9	105.6	110.2	127.9	150.0	173.7	202.3

Month	Western Provinces								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	71.0	73.8	77.6	81.1	86.3	97.5	111.2	130.0	149.4
February	75.9	75.0	81.2	82.5	84.6	99.9	112.5	127.5	153.9
March	81.0	84.2	96.1	95.6	97.8	106.9	123.4	140.1	209.9
April	85.6	88.5	97.7	98.5	95.6	108.7	128.5	146.0	171.3
May	93.3	93.9	101.0	100.5	111.2	125.6	138.7	155.1	163.9
June	92.2	97.8	106.9	109.1	107.8	134.7	137.9	178.9	196.6
July	94.0	95.6	103.3	100.8	105.2	128.6	141.1	170.9	199.8
August	97.1	97.9	103.1	108.9	113.6	121.7	141.3	145.7	200.8
September	95.9	105.2	107.0	111.5	134.3	119.3	142.9	164.0	211.4
October	105.8	108.5	108.3	111.3	117.8	136.8	156.6	179.3	217.0
November	101.9	105.6	110.4	115.2	121.3	138.8	152.8	180.8	225.8
December	105.9	115.2	118.3	121.5	135.6	147.7	164.7	200.4	225.9
Annual Average ...	91.6	95.1	100.9	103.0	109.3	122.2	137.6	160.0	193.8

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE INVENTORIES--(Average for 1935-1939=100)

Month	Wholesale Grocery Trade								
	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	74.9	92.0	118.6	113.0	98.7	137.1	135.9	151.4	132.4
February	79.2	90.0	116.7	109.0	98.1	133.5	135.0	152.9	131.0
March	75.1	83.8	108.8	99.7	90.3	121.9	129.1	153.4	128.0
April	78.6	87.4	109.8	100.5	94.9	121.9	137.9	149.7	129.4
May	81.6	92.7	107.0	98.5	97.3	133.8	132.1	138.6	120.6
June	79.1	85.9	101.2	93.9	94.9	130.7	123.7	134.7	114.2
July	86.0	93.3	100.3	96.2	98.4	119.6	127.7	125.3	111.4
August	86.3	97.9	102.6	97.4	99.3	116.1	132.3	121.8	117.1
September	93.3	104.7	109.9	98.7	110.7	115.8	151.5	130.7	128.5
October	96.2	114.6	115.7	101.8	130.3	124.4	156.9	127.9	127.2
November	102.9	123.9	122.5	108.2	140.6	136.2	172.8	145.5	148.1
December	91.7	109.5	107.3	91.7	126.0	127.1	151.3	137.0	146.6

Month	Wholesale Dry Goods Trade								
	Canada								
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
January	94.9	92.9	100.3	108.9	89.7	112.6	119.8	127.3	113.2
February	101.4	100.7	107.5	113.2	100.2	120.1	124.2	130.7	112.0
March	101.7	103.7	111.7	115.7	103.1	129.9	130.9	135.9	108.6
April	95.8	97.2	107.0	106.3	97.1	128.8	121.5	127.6	102.6
May	99.2	95.9	105.7	103.4	94.1	129.9	117.3	125.9	99.2
June	89.6	95.2	103.7	97.3	89.4	127.3	113.0	124.4	100.4
July	101.5	109.9	123.7	108.7	100.1	144.1	132.1	132.4	104.2
August	97.9	104.4	117.5	106.2	97.7	138.1	126.5	121.9	95.9
September	94.9	99.4	113.0	99.5	89.4	130.3	120.1	112.5	94.3
October	94.3	97.6	111.8	99.7	87.7	139.4	125.0	119.5	102.3
November	87.3	92.4	104.1	90.6	85.8	109.4	106.1	109.7	95.9
December	82.9	87.6	99.2	85.7	89.1	107.0	113.3	115.7	100.9

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STOCK SALES RATIO*

Chart 1

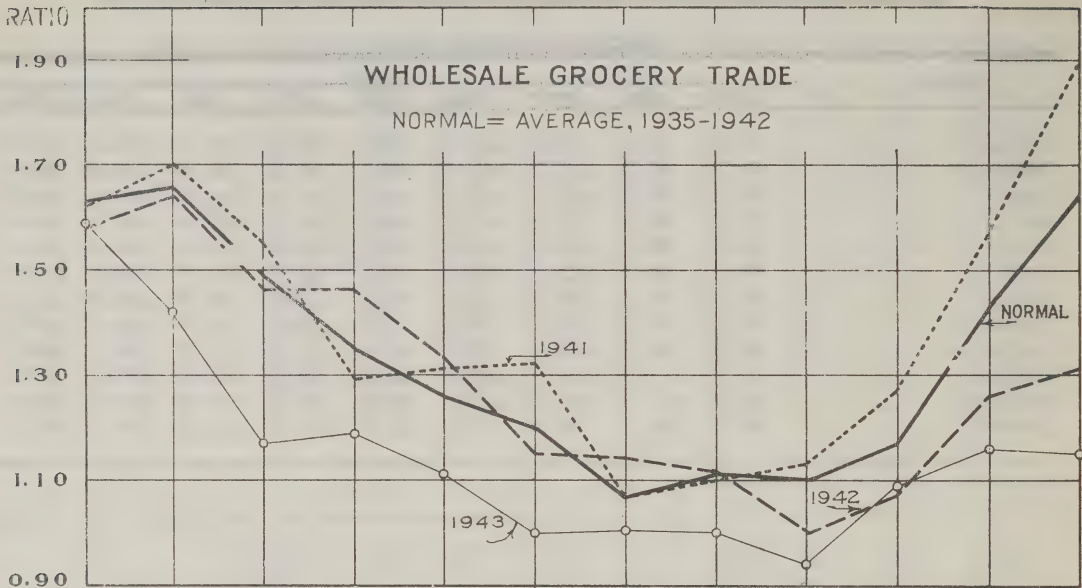
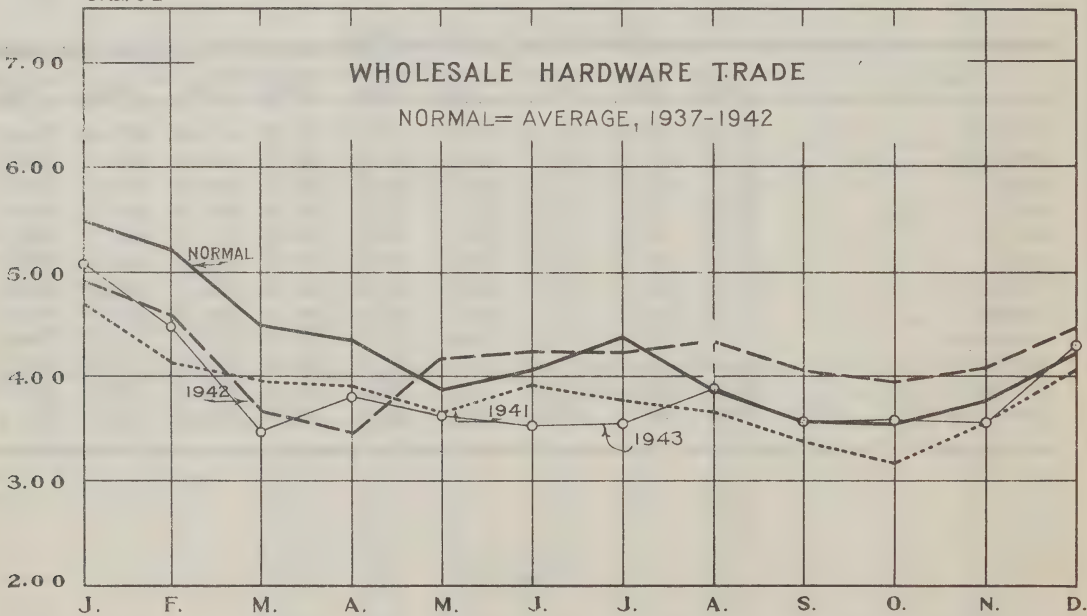


Chart 2



* Ratios that stocks on hand at beginning of month bear to sales in that month.

STOCK SALES RATIO*

Chart 3

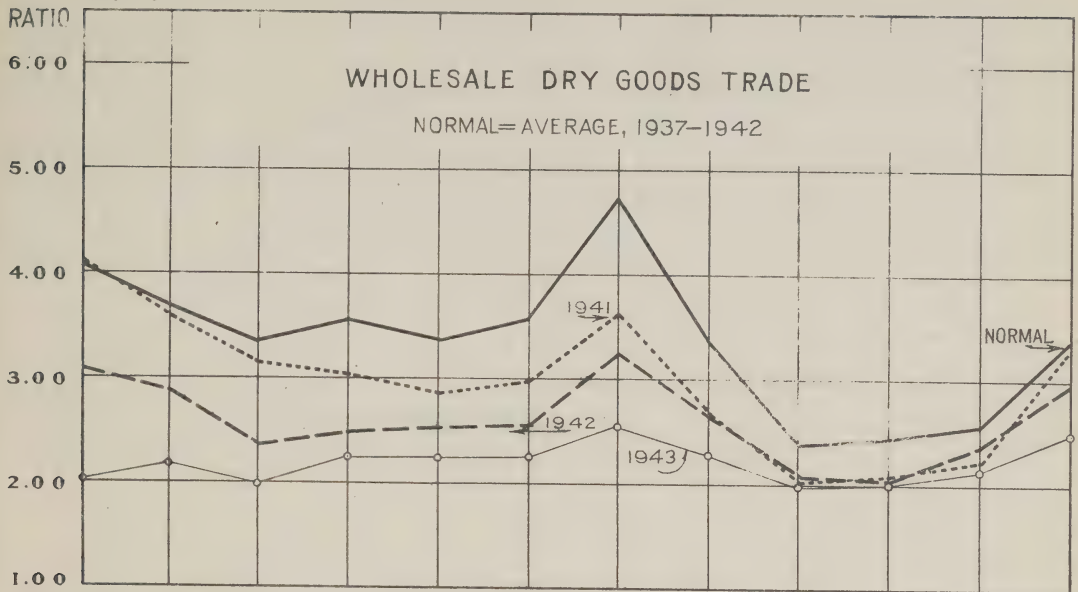
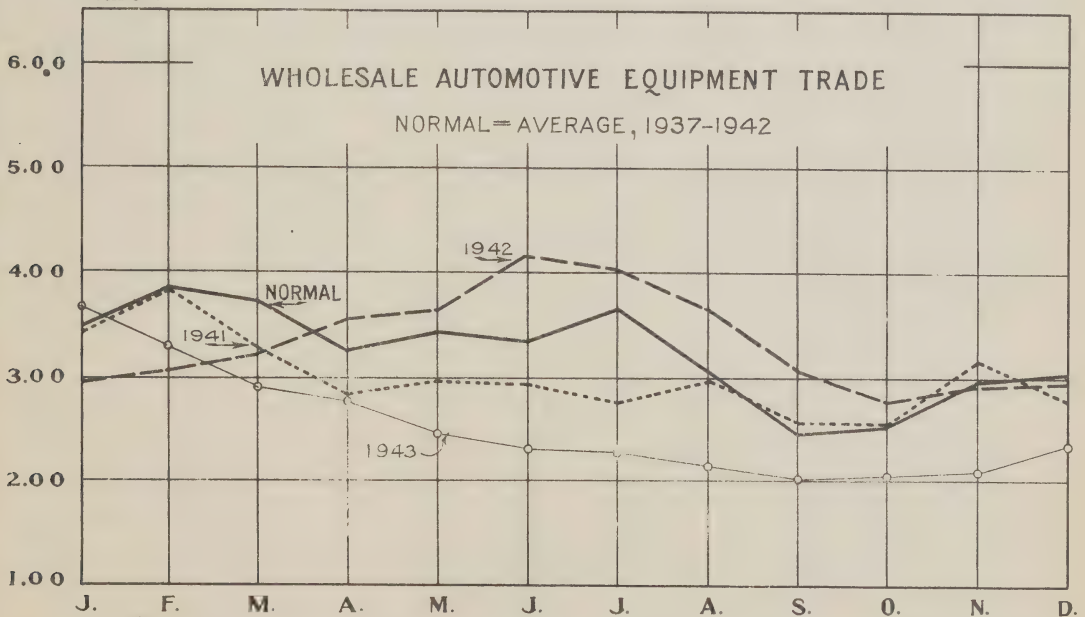


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Summary--Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Sales, 1941-1945

(Average, 1935-1939=100)

Introduction

Monthly index numbers reflecting the current trend in sales for nine different kinds of wholesale trading are now available covering the eleven-year period from 1935 to 1945 inclusive. These index numbers are now computed from monthly statements of sales sent to the Bureau monthly by some 415 firms representing the nine different trades. Sales of these 415 firms form approximately 68 per cent of the total volume of business of all wholesale merchants in the same nine kinds of business. Month-end inventory figures are secured from only part of the total number of firms reporting their volume of business. These are compiled and shown in the monthly bulletins in the form of percentage changes in inventory between the end of the month under review and the end of the corresponding month in the preceding year.

This bulletin forms a supplement to the monthly report entitled "Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Sales" and brings together in convenient form for reference purposes the complete series of index numbers from 1941 to 1945 inclusive. Furthermore, the index numbers shown here have been revised slightly in some instances from those contained in the monthly series to provide for alterations caused by the inclusion of reports received from contributors too late to be included in the monthly series.

It should be pointed out that these indexes of wholesale sales are based on returns secured from regular wholesale merchants only. Agents, brokers and commission houses are excluded. The survey is further restricted to those firms engaged chiefly in servicing the retail trades and includes in its scope only the following kinds of business; automotive supply and equipment, drugs, clothing, footwear, dry goods, fruits and vegetables, groceries, hardware, tobacco and confectionery. Since manufacturing firms are not included the indexes do not reflect the trend in business transacted directly between manufacturers and the retail trades.

General Summary of Sales Trends, 1944-1945

The general level of wholesale trading, as measured by the composite index of sales for the nine lines of business for which figures are available, averaged 10.4 per cent higher in 1945 than in the preceding year and was almost 45 per cent higher than in 1941. The average of the twelve monthly indexes for 1945 stood at 205.3 in-

dicating that dollar sales in that year were more than twice the average annual volume of business transacted during the five-year period from 1935 to 1939.

Price increases accounted for but a minor proportion of the overall increase in wholesale trading between 1944 and 1945, the Bureau's wholesale price index for consumers' goods advancing by only 0.7 per cent during this period.

Trends for the individual nine trades covered in the monthly survey deviated to a considerable degree from the average gain of 10.4 per cent between 1944 and 1945 as recorded by the movement of the general index. Results for the nine trades ranged from an increase of 24.5 per cent for the automotive supplies and equipment trade to a decline of 2.7 per cent for the wholesale dry goods trade. The dry goods trade was the only one to register a decrease; all other trades indicated an expansion in volume of business transacted.

Wholesale of automotive equipment and supplies experienced active demands for their merchandise throughout 1945, sales for each month exceeding by a considerable volume the amount of business transacted in the corresponding periods of 1944. From September onwards to the end of the year the margin of increase over 1944 widened. The close of the war with Japan in August brought about the end of gasoline rationing and this resulted in increased motor travel which in turn stimulated repair work and the need for replacement parts. Postponement of new car purchases on account of strike conditions existing in the automotive industry in the autumn months was another factor which stimulated the wholesale trade in automotive parts.

The wholesale footwear trade and the wholesale fruits and vegetables trade reported average increases of 18.4 per cent and 18.0 per cent respectively over 1944 levels. Increases in the wholesale footwear trade may be attributed at least in part to the fact that as the demands on manufacturers for the armed forces became smaller greater supplies for civilian use became available. In this connection it might be noted that only a relatively small proportion of the sales of footwear to retailers is made by wholesale merchants. Retailers secure the major portion of their supplies of these commodities direct from the producers. The major increase in the wholesale fruit and vegetable trade may be attributed perhaps at least in part to poor domestic crops resulting in increased demand for imported fruits and vegetables at higher prices.

Reflecting the improvement in the supply of metals and their products, wholesalers specializing in the hardware trade transacted 15.1 per cent more dollar business in 1945 than in the immediately preceding year. The corresponding increase for the retail hardware trade was 16.4 per cent.

More moderate increases of 12.3 per cent and 10.6 per cent were recorded for the tobacco and confectionery trade and for the drug trade respectively. The wholesale grocery trade showed but slight variation from the preceding year, sales standing 6.3 per cent higher for the more recent period. The wholesale clothing trade was also practically unchanged with a gain of 3.0 per cent. Here again it should be noted that only a relatively small proportion of the sale of clothing is made through wholesalers specializing in this product. Ready-to-wear clothing is generally shipped direct from producer to retail outlet. Shortages still existing in many lines of textile products in 1945 are reflected in the annual sales volume for the wholesale dry goods trade which averaged 2.7 per cent below the amount of business transacted in 1944.

Aggregate figures for the nine trades for each of the five economic areas of the country indicate that total wholesale sales averaged between 12 and 14 per

cent higher in 1945 than in 1944. Increases for the Maritime and the Prairie Provinces were somewhat lower at 7.9 per cent and 8.2 per cent respectively.

Inventories

Inventories held by wholesalers in the dry goods trade were lower at the close of all months of 1945 compared with the corresponding dates in 1944. Lower stock holdings were also generally reported by the grocery trade and the fruit and vegetable trade. Stocks held by the other six trades for which figures are available were maintained at higher levels throughout 1945 than during 1944, percentage increases as on December, 1945 compared with the end of 1944 amounting to 19.5 per cent for the automotive trade, 8.2 per cent for the drug trade, 18.0 per cent for the clothing trade, 33.5 per cent for the footwear trade, 10.8 per cent for the hardware trade and 33.7 per cent for the tobacco and confectionery trade.

Indexes of month-end stocks on the base, 1935-1939=100, have been computed for the wholesale grocery and dry goods trades and are shown in the tables which follow. A more striking indication of the inventory situation in the wholesale trade is afforded by the stock-sales ratio charts shown at the end of this bulletin for four trades.

Stocks on hand at the beginning of any month may be considered as having a normal relationship to sales made in that month. The relationship will vary according to the normal seasonal distribution of sales and month-end inventories but over a period of years a normal relationship of stocks to sales for each month may be obtained. These normal relationships are plotted on the charts with the relationships for the months of 1939, 1944 and 1945. It will be noted that in the case of the wholesale grocery trade the stock-sales ratios were lower at the close of all months of 1945 than on the corresponding dates of 1944 and were considerably below the normal position as measured by the average experience during the period, 1935-1942. Relationships between stocks and sales for the other three trades - hardware, dry goods and automotive equipment - were also below the normal relationship as measured, in these instances, by the average situation during the period 1937-1942.

Sales Coverage in Wholesale Monthly Surveys

More than 400 wholesale firms are now reporting sales figures for the monthly survey of wholesale trade. The following table shows the numbers of firms reporting in the several trades sampled together with the total sales of these firms in 1941 and the ratios that the sales of the sample bear to the total sales of all similar firms as recorded in the results of the Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments for 1941.

Number and Sales of Firms Reporting to Monthly Surveys
of Wholesale Trade

	Number of firms reporting	Sales of firms reporting, 1941	
		Amount	Per cent of total sales, all similar firms
Total, All Trades Sampled --		\$	
CANADA	415	529,549,500	68.3
Maritime Provinces	43	42,122,000	58.1
Quebec	122	120,468,600	57.3
Ontario	142	175,075,700	68.3
Prairie Provinces	70	131,125,900	81.7
British Columbia	38	60,797,500	80.4
Automotive Equipment Trade --			
CANADA	43	24,642,930	44.9
Maritime Provinces and Quebec	12	4,624,952	32.6
Ontario	17	10,708,993	41.2
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	14	9,308,985	63.4
Wholesale Clothing Trade	34	11,656,051	56.1
Wholesale Footwear Trade	16	8,771,956	66.4
Wholesale Drug Trade --			
CANADA	20	31,676,336	68.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	14	23,781,088	38.6
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	6	7,895,248	91.3
Wholesale Dry Goods Trade --			
CANADA	50	47,456,609	58.0
Maritimes and Quebec	26	20,761,307	48.0
Ontario	12	16,220,637	65.0
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	12	10,474,665	77.2
Wholesale Grocery Trade --			
CANADA	79	206,979,750	76.6
Maritime Provinces	17	24,383,649	62.2
Quebec	22	34,975,596	66.2
Ontario	22	62,684,164	80.5
Prairie Provinces	12	60,209,500	84.9
British Columbia	6	24,726,841	84.7

Number and Sales of Firms Reporting to Monthly Surveys
of Wholesale Trade--(Concl'd.)

	Number of firms reporting	Sales of firms reporting, 1941	
		Amount	Per cent of total sales, all similar firms
		\$	
Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables --			
CANADA	48	62,002,006	59.5
Maritimes and Quebec	18	15,861,514	40.5
Ontario	18	21,233,688	67.8
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	12	24,906,804	73.8
Wholesale Hardware Trade --			
CANADA	54	87,933,018	81.2
Maritime Provinces	8	5,117,863	49.2
Quebec	17	22,361,153	80.6
Ontario	16	21,120,750	79.4
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	13	39,333,252	90.4
Wholesale Tobacco and Confectionery Trade	71	48,430,813	63.5

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

General Index

Month	Canada					Maritimes				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	106.2	132.5	142.2	159.5	182.6	111.5	134.0	140.8	176.8	202.8
February	110.6	136.4	148.5	168.7	178.3	112.6	133.7	145.5	174.3	187.4
March	125.1	156.2	175.9	190.7	201.4	132.7	163.0	186.1	214.2	219.6
April	141.6	155.3	165.4	173.7	197.3	149.9	166.8	182.5	201.5	226.1
May	148.6	159.3	165.4	195.2	205.9	156.2	178.7	191.2	237.9	253.6
June	140.6	167.5	175.4	190.0	206.9	148.3	192.0	208.7	226.0	250.6
July	147.1	155.5	173.2	179.3	203.7	170.5	177.8	211.2	212.7	240.6
August	156.6	158.5	173.4	199.2	216.3	163.1	171.7	197.6	220.3	250.0
September	171.2	178.9	186.2	205.4	217.7	184.2	194.3	211.2	243.3	237.9
October	170.5	172.4	176.5	202.4	237.2	190.2	193.2	211.0	250.0	277.3
November	147.4	153.9	172.2	195.3	221.5	168.1	178.9	212.7	245.9	257.5
December	137.4	147.4	164.1	171.5	194.7	144.9	152.3	189.9	201.1	217.0
Annual Average .	141.9	156.2	168.2	185.9	205.3	152.7	169.7	190.7	217.0	235.0

Month	Quebec					Ontario				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	94.9	119.5	136.5	149.1	164.8	114.3	144.2	149.7	161.5	189.8
February	108.2	133.7	150.7	164.4	170.6	112.9	139.0	149.8	165.8	181.4
March	122.6	164.7	176.7	185.7	195.2	131.0	158.0	175.2	191.0	202.7
April	140.5	160.0	166.4	165.2	194.4	146.8	158.4	167.0	172.8	202.2
May	148.4	164.4	161.9	183.1	187.1	156.6	164.4	169.8	198.2	215.4
June	141.8	170.4	162.2	180.0	184.0	147.1	174.5	176.1	190.5	210.5
July	134.8	139.5	150.0	153.6	179.4	148.0	152.4	168.9	176.3	201.2
August	144.5	146.8	146.9	169.4	183.6	153.7	156.2	164.8	195.1	212.9
September	180.3	179.8	179.1	203.5	210.8	169.6	176.0	177.6	193.8	208.1
October	180.1	173.6	180.2	209.8	233.7	166.1	167.1	167.8	194.3	231.8
November	156.3	152.2	173.1	194.9	210.1	142.8	148.7	164.5	189.3	224.1
December	132.4	130.3	155.7	163.5	182.8	141.5	149.6	160.4	174.7	202.8
Annual Average .	140.4	152.9	161.6	176.9	191.4	144.2	157.4	166.0	183.6	206.9

Month	Prairies					British Columbia				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	98.1	122.3	127.1	152.4	171.8	120.4	148.1	168.4	179.3	208.2
February	100.6	124.2	134.3	161.8	167.6	126.6	159.6	170.6	191.4	197.0
March	112.1	138.9	162.0	180.8	191.5	137.6	169.5	201.7	205.3	219.3
April	130.1	140.1	151.2	168.3	179.7	152.3	167.4	184.0	189.2	215.1
May	134.6	140.1	149.8	186.5	193.6	160.9	174.4	188.5	213.2	224.9
June	128.0	142.8	164.5	183.1	194.1	148.0	188.3	209.2	209.8	236.7
July	146.0	156.5	177.2	190.7	208.2	161.7	185.6	206.6	199.0	233.6
August	162.0	171.2	189.1	220.7	230.6	166.0	167.3	195.1	202.5	231.7
September	161.8	175.9	190.1	213.7	228.9	172.9	184.1	200.9	200.9	221.6
October	153.4	164.3	170.2	194.9	229.8	192.4	191.1	187.5	198.8	250.7
November	135.8	146.4	165.3	190.6	214.2	162.4	180.3	190.4	200.7	238.4
December	125.3	137.5	158.3	153.9	168.2	158.2	194.9	187.1	198.3	241.1
Annual Average .	132.3	145.9	161.6	183.1	198.2	155.0	175.9	190.8	199.0	226.5

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Month	Canada					Maritimes and Quebec				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	117.7	165.3	127.9	170.2	203.6	109.4	131.3	112.5	149.0	187.9
February	111.1	164.0	130.2	183.7	210.2	98.4	180.8	134.3	199.4	255.8
March	124.3	163.3	137.5	183.3	235.4	130.4	204.6	138.3	179.9	244.5
April	161.6	151.4	142.3	180.0	238.0	166.0	151.6	130.1	182.3	260.1
May	160.8	135.7	151.3	195.2	213.5	181.4	174.9	184.5	262.7	296.9
June	160.2	124.3	167.9	202.3	235.3	165.1	142.2	171.5	235.0	280.4
July	172.0	127.1	162.2	194.5	228.3	184.6	148.8	165.6	210.0	281.8
August	174.2	140.8	186.0	222.3	254.3	184.0	144.6	183.5	248.8	309.0
September	196.4	169.1	199.2	237.0	293.6	193.1	168.2	201.2	264.8	300.3
October	189.1	157.5	182.4	222.0	308.6	208.4	181.3	209.9	266.6	399.4
November	161.8	146.3	169.4	208.9	290.8	172.8	155.2	190.0	229.9	355.9
December	163.9	126.9	141.1	166.8	202.0	190.4	139.0	184.0	175.0	289.1
Annual Average	157.8	147.6	158.1	197.2	242.8	165.3	160.2	167.1	217.0	288.4

Month	Ontario					Western Provinces				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	140.1	206.2	136.5	158.2	198.9	101.6	146.6	130.2	196.0	220.5
February	120.3	155.3	117.3	159.2	167.3	108.2	163.7	140.5	200.8	233.1
March	138.6	164.0	132.0	163.2	203.5	108.8	145.9	143.9	205.5	263.6
April	171.8	154.6	132.5	145.8	202.2	150.8	149.9	160.4	216.4	267.5
May	168.1	132.8	122.7	158.7	168.5	149.3	127.8	175.5	215.9	237.9
June	159.3	123.9	144.6	167.9	192.6	160.4	118.1	194.3	228.1	265.1
July	179.6	126.4	148.5	161.7	192.9	158.0	118.0	175.0	221.6	241.3
August	157.5	119.9	142.4	166.5	197.0	179.9	155.4	226.3	260.7	280.5
September	191.5	150.1	172.3	207.1	239.4	192.6	179.9	215.0	242.5	329.1
October	176.9	133.2	143.2	187.4	249.1	177.7	161.0	199.2	223.1	311.7
November	163.4	127.6	144.2	175.5	247.1	153.8	162.4	187.4	235.7	310.2
December	166.8	118.1	127.5	150.3	189.2	159.4	139.8	146.4	191.8	203.3
Annual Average	161.2	142.7	138.6	166.8	204.0	150.0	147.4	174.5	219.6	263.6

Month	Canada					Canada				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	71.4	101.8	186.0	225.2	231.5	55.2	93.2	159.7	201.1	221.0
February	100.0	139.9	205.1	222.5	209.6	104.9	149.8	194.0	186.8	215.6
March	118.4	170.0	199.9	209.7	223.3	137.1	191.3	190.5	184.2	226.0
April	138.7	170.6	195.2	172.6	182.8	177.4	197.3	188.0	178.4	246.0
May	134.9	169.4	161.6	165.8	148.7	139.4	161.8	147.9	195.2	202.6
June	113.7	154.6	161.4	145.3	144.7	114.7	130.6	157.6	191.0	210.7
July	103.7	134.2	146.1	140.1	146.7	84.8	122.8	130.7	126.4	155.9
August	185.3	202.7	194.8	192.4	193.2	140.4	170.2	174.3	228.3	263.5
September	216.1	239.2	209.3	183.8	199.2	202.9	224.0	199.1	212.8	243.9
October	220.4	227.9	184.4	222.8	238.6	216.6	222.7	188.2	227.9	263.9
November	182.5	203.5	173.2	194.9	200.2	153.0	144.9	174.2	189.4	219.3
December	128.4	136.5	113.0	120.0	116.9	172.2	123.5	173.4	143.7	219.0
Annual Average	142.8	170.9	177.5	183.1	186.3	141.6	161.0	173.1	188.8	224.0

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Wholesale Drug Trade

Month	Canada					Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	142.7	160.5	172.7	197.9	216.9	145.8	163.9	173.6	197.2	213.8
February	129.8	152.1	172.0	195.4	202.6	131.6	154.1	173.2	193.1	200.4
March	131.3	155.5	186.1	200.4	209.4	132.5	154.5	181.2	196.2	206.0
April	141.9	174.3	185.6	193.0	220.0	143.7	174.6	184.2	191.6	217.5
May	140.6	155.4	173.4	205.0	222.0	141.1	155.9	172.9	207.8	225.0
June	133.2	158.8	174.0	184.8	210.5	134.4	159.5	171.0	181.1	205.4
July	140.5	156.4	178.0	181.7	208.0	140.1	155.4	174.4	174.7	203.0
August	147.3	161.6	173.1	202.4	223.2	148.2	161.4	170.3	200.8	222.7
September	160.8	182.2	197.9	207.0	227.1	162.9	186.5	199.2	217.9	236.6
October	170.8	196.4	207.8	236.7	268.2	174.0	197.3	207.0	236.0	264.1
November	154.9	178.4	200.5	231.8	259.4	156.2	180.6	199.4	234.7	256.3
December	148.6	156.2	189.2	186.7	198.3	149.5	156.4	192.4	190.3	199.2
Annual Average	145.2	165.7	184.2	201.9	222.1	146.7	166.7	183.2	201.8	220.8

Month	Western Provinces				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	132.3	149.6	168.0	200.1	225.7
February	126.0	147.9	170.2	204.4	211.6
March	127.4	158.1	200.3	212.3	218.9
April	134.0	169.6	185.4	192.4	222.0
May	138.6	153.2	174.3	196.8	212.9
June	128.5	155.0	180.9	193.7	223.3
July	140.9	158.1	187.3	201.2	221.3
August	143.3	160.8	179.3	205.1	222.7
September	159.6	175.1	200.3	180.5	203.6
October	159.3	191.5	208.0	236.3	277.7
November	151.1	172.3	203.5	223.9	268.7
December	145.8	156.0	180.6	176.8	196.2
Annual Average	140.6	162.3	186.5	202.0	225.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale Dry Goods Trade

Month	Canada					Maritimes and Quebec				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	91.8	131.4	174.9	188.0	182.2	82.1	123.2	169.5	165.8	165.0
February	112.2	151.9	173.6	174.3	173.1	103.8	139.3	171.5	175.3	171.8
March	130.9	191.8	180.3	187.9	186.2	132.2	198.7	181.6	190.5	182.3
April	139.0	179.9	152.7	165.4	167.9	149.1	200.2	157.6	167.4	172.8
May	142.9	169.2	150.4	165.1	147.4	149.9	171.5	148.2	161.4	150.3
June	129.1	162.3	141.7	156.0	143.5	140.6	175.2	148.9	170.2	153.2
July	103.9	124.7	124.8	133.8	121.8	86.0	100.4	101.0	103.8	103.2
August	169.5	167.0	148.5	174.5	168.9	149.6	151.5	127.6	136.1	131.9
September	220.0	205.9	166.4	189.2	191.3	227.9	204.9	168.8	188.2	192.2
October	195.0	182.7	154.4	186.1	184.6	199.2	168.3	151.3	185.6	178.4
November	166.8	148.5	138.6	158.7	162.0	179.0	137.3	135.1	152.9	156.7
December	100.6	107.0	105.0	111.8	113.4	100.8	86.9	91.8	103.6	98.4
Annual Average	141.8	160.2	150.9	165.9	161.9	141.7	154.8	146.1	158.4	154.7

Month	Ontario					Western Provinces				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	111.0	163.5	195.2	204.6	204.0	85.0	106.4	161.1	209.8	187.8
February	127.8	180.5	190.2	175.9	180.6	104.7	135.4	153.5	168.1	162.9
March	136.1	196.1	173.7	182.4	189.7	121.1	173.1	187.3	209.0	205.7
April	139.2	179.3	142.5	148.6	163.3	117.3	140.6	153.4	179.3	160.1
May	153.1	187.4	159.9	170.6	150.3	114.0	138.2	139.7	162.2	136.4
June	136.2	168.1	130.8	137.1	148.9	97.3	129.0	141.5	154.5	116.8
July	122.0	133.1	116.6	143.3	129.7	116.8	164.8	187.9	185.1	149.2
August	188.8	173.5	153.9	186.2	192.2	177.2	183.4	177.9	229.5	205.6
September	231.3	209.3	163.3	183.1	187.9	186.7	198.8	162.6	194.8	189.9
October	201.0	188.1	154.2	179.5	184.0	180.4	203.1	162.1	197.8	199.0
November	178.1	154.6	140.7	165.7	166.4	149.5	175.2	156.3	175.8	181.8
December	94.9	121.5	109.0	124.4	130.2	106.5	120.3	121.3	104.8	113.7
Annual Average	151.6	171.3	152.5	166.8	168.9	129.7	155.7	158.7	180.9	167.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Month	Canada					Maritime Provinces				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	106.7	127.2	124.8	135.9	165.4	117.9	140.2	145.9	180.3	210.8
February	106.4	125.6	129.5	148.9	155.9	121.2	136.4	145.9	173.0	187.4
March	117.4	141.2	153.3	171.4	170.5	136.9	159.8	182.3	218.2	215.8
April	132.4	135.0	143.4	151.6	166.6	143.9	153.0	174.6	184.7	209.6
May	137.1	142.2	143.1	172.9	187.4	149.7	176.0	182.2	217.2	236.5
June	132.3	163.3	162.0	177.9	188.8	142.3	189.8	195.7	217.8	246.8
July	151.0	155.1	158.4	168.7	186.6	178.0	173.4	194.6	206.7	231.1
August	153.8	153.2	155.8	184.6	191.1	163.3	167.9	189.7	211.5	236.9
September	157.0	165.5	168.1	188.3	179.6	167.0	176.5	200.9	228.6	207.3
October	160.9	163.0	152.4	183.0	203.1	186.2	183.6	201.4	239.9	255.0
November	137.0	143.7	156.6	185.6	195.8	163.4	173.2	211.3	242.8	243.3
December	124.6	143.3	155.6	163.1	171.6	141.1	154.9	193.5	203.8	216.8
Annual Average	134.7	146.5	150.3	169.3	180.2	150.9	165.4	184.8	210.4	224.8

Month	Quebec					Ontario				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	86.7	99.9	108.3	110.5	134.3	104.9	127.3	128.1	136.2	174.1
February	95.6	108.5	118.7	133.2	129.1	102.4	120.5	129.7	149.7	166.9
March	99.8	133.4	140.9	150.3	143.7	119.5	138.7	156.0	175.8	175.8
April	120.2	123.7	143.1	135.9	150.4	129.6	129.9	148.6	157.2	171.3
May	135.5	141.2	144.9	157.5	169.3	134.4	135.6	146.7	173.5	197.8
June	126.8	161.9	144.6	157.5	169.8	135.6	170.0	165.1	184.7	190.6
July	155.0	149.0	146.0	150.4	167.1	144.2	148.7	163.7	172.2	187.0
August	149.1	148.5	142.6	166.7	171.4	144.0	154.2	156.2	191.7	191.7
September	161.3	169.7	157.5	181.0	165.4	154.3	167.6	165.8	181.9	171.7
October	177.7	173.8	158.9	197.2	204.1	149.5	158.8	154.4	180.3	204.3
November	153.3	153.6	162.4	201.1	193.9	126.0	139.1	154.8	187.2	202.7
December	117.3	126.1	145.6	157.0	161.4	124.1	143.6	158.2	172.3	186.8
Annual Average	131.5	140.8	142.8	158.2	163.3	130.7	144.5	152.3	171.9	185.1

Month	Prairie Provinces					British Columbia				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	105.2	127.0	114.7	124.9	146.4	125.5	144.7	135.6	148.9	183.1
February	103.5	122.3	119.6	140.1	140.0	121.4	155.6	147.4	162.1	170.0
March	112.0	130.8	142.7	157.0	153.9	129.5	163.3	160.2	180.4	192.3
April	129.6	131.7	123.4	136.5	146.3	147.2	150.1	147.2	161.0	181.1
May	130.8	132.9	126.1	161.0	171.1	157.1	161.0	147.3	190.3	192.0
June	123.6	139.1	148.0	163.7	166.2	141.7	179.0	179.0	185.1	209.5
July	147.9	154.9	146.2	163.5	177.1	144.4	160.1	156.9	161.0	192.1
August	157.3	147.9	148.8	180.6	180.2	161.9	151.2	154.8	172.3	195.6
September	154.1	158.6	163.5	182.3	177.2	157.9	163.3	174.1	196.2	204.8
October	149.8	154.6	131.9	163.6	182.3	177.4	166.2	153.2	175.7	214.9
November	127.4	129.8	136.2	159.5	172.3	147.8	155.5	163.3	183.2	208.1
December	119.7	134.3	144.9	134.0	136.7	132.6	177.4	155.8	184.2	196.0
Annual Average	130.1	138.7	137.2	155.6	162.5	145.4	160.6	156.2	175.0	195.0

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale Fruits and Vegetables

Month	Canada					Maritimes and Quebec				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	94.0	117.6	141.5	172.1	189.1	82.4	104.4	127.6	162.3	170.7
February	99.0	119.3	159.3	181.6	193.6	116.6	144.1	175.9	198.9	209.2
March	117.7	147.8	206.2	220.0	238.3	127.1	167.5	218.4	214.5	240.5
April	134.6	157.6	209.9	218.9	256.1	128.9	168.9	209.3	213.5	266.4
May	160.5	188.4	215.5	261.4	271.1	165.9	211.0	237.8	278.0	274.9
June	148.6	182.5	224.1	232.4	281.2	165.7	213.1	245.5	244.0	300.9
July	143.7	164.1	233.5	230.2	288.0	119.3	141.1	202.8	197.7	262.0
August	136.2	151.7	215.7	238.8	278.7	103.1	115.7	141.8	158.0	184.1
September	150.2	185.6	221.2	249.5	296.4	163.9	180.0	202.0	242.0	288.7
October	130.3	157.5	209.8	218.2	288.5	114.7	140.3	181.8	182.9	250.9
November	119.0	148.9	201.6	206.0	269.4	121.4	150.3	207.1	189.3	241.9
December	141.2	182.3	234.1	234.6	298.2	135.9	162.1	208.1	216.2	270.3
Annual Average	131.3	158.6	206.0	222.0	262.4	128.7	158.2	196.5	208.1	246.7

Month	Ontario					Western Provinces				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	108.7	135.4	164.6	176.0	193.6	82.4	102.7	121.0	163.1	185.1
February	104.7	129.9	168.2	178.3	192.9	83.8	96.5	141.2	173.1	180.2
March	130.4	162.5	209.5	226.1	244.4	97.8	119.1	187.6	208.0	220.3
April	150.3	170.6	212.2	216.2	252.1	114.1	126.9	189.6	204.4	233.8
May	184.9	211.3	212.8	256.0	272.6	130.8	148.1	193.3	242.2	252.4
June	155.5	187.4	227.7	223.8	273.3	132.8	160.8	207.6	232.7	275.1
July	156.6	164.6	223.7	219.0	279.2	151.2	179.2	261.6	261.3	308.3
August	137.5	138.2	189.9	218.2	264.0	158.2	187.2	293.3	316.2	358.9
September	133.0	147.2	179.6	201.7	256.6	163.3	225.4	272.3	301.2	340.7
October	135.5	147.6	181.7	202.8	272.4	135.6	175.9	250.0	250.8	318.8
November	122.5	144.8	192.1	193.8	286.0	121.5	159.9	217.3	238.2	278.7
December	155.9	187.9	218.0	230.9	302.9	130.6	187.1	258.4	242.6	301.8
Annual Average	139.6	160.6	198.3	211.9	257.5	125.2	155.7	216.1	236.2	271.2

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale Hardware Trade

Month	Canada					Maritime Provinces				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	108.0	147.1	149.2	153.1	173.0	100.8	135.8	108.5	135.7	145.3
February	118.3	156.0	155.5	176.6	188.3	91.4	119.2	118.6	135.1	146.3
March	142.2	178.7	188.2	195.9	217.8	117.0	165.4	146.9	194.5	195.1
April	166.0	183.8	184.0	178.5	212.8	159.4	189.8	174.0	201.3	222.4
May	175.9	179.1	182.5	196.2	205.4	164.9	171.5	184.9	213.9	200.0
June	166.5	181.0	184.6	192.5	211.2	156.0	181.4	190.8	204.5	208.0
July	175.9	181.4	179.9	175.6	203.5	146.9	162.0	167.0	167.8	192.8
August	177.2	167.1	174.6	191.2	218.9	160.6	157.2	174.5	176.8	208.8
September	196.2	177.8	181.0	198.6	228.6	210.1	188.5	186.8	237.4	242.4
October	200.2	173.2	173.5	193.1	246.6	193.6	176.2	198.6	245.1	259.8
November	181.3	167.5	176.5	197.9	236.5	172.0	152.2	166.4	214.3	222.9
December	175.0	147.2	147.6	156.5	201.6	145.3	113.0	131.5	134.5	163.4
Annual Average	165.2	170.0	173.1	183.8	212.0	151.5	159.4	162.4	188.4	200.6

Month	Quebec					Ontario				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	110.2	151.1	153.4	159.1	183.8	129.0	171.4	127.2	129.5	138.8
February	101.7	131.1	140.4	149.0	167.6	121.3	160.7	129.0	146.8	156.9
March	133.6	170.7	173.9	175.3	204.9	154.2	183.2	164.0	186.0	196.2
April	163.5	180.2	168.7	155.4	203.3	180.8	188.8	174.3	159.1	205.2
May	174.6	177.7	163.1	181.2	187.9	195.1	187.7	166.7	185.4	192.4
June	171.6	184.1	167.0	193.1	201.8	189.2	188.3	166.8	186.0	209.4
July	176.7	181.8	158.9	156.4	190.0	171.0	165.0	138.6	147.1	166.2
August	181.3	168.2	162.0	190.8	218.5	157.3	136.9	125.7	150.5	172.6
September	215.0	190.1	177.6	215.1	235.7	208.8	170.8	168.4	179.7	217.1
October	204.6	183.3	169.2	203.2	247.7	204.7	147.0	153.5	173.9	227.1
November	191.0	170.6	181.5	209.6	233.5	183.4	145.3	153.4	175.9	224.4
December	163.2	127.8	143.9	147.9	186.1	198.0	140.6	132.7	149.6	203.3
Annual Average	165.6	168.1	163.3	178.0	205.1	174.3	165.5	150.0	164.1	192.5

Month	Western Provinces				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	99.6	137.6	171.9	172.6	198.8
February	124.1	165.2	174.6	204.1	212.3
March	139.2	175.9	204.7	204.1	229.2
April	159.9	181.0	196.2	196.0	218.5
May	172.1	180.2	205.6	212.6	227.5
June	158.7	180.9	208.2	200.1	224.7
July	180.1	190.5	215.1	202.0	231.5
August	178.9	175.7	199.6	206.0	235.0
September	185.5	179.4	194.3	202.3	237.3
October	195.4	180.2	182.2	190.4	252.5
November	175.9	178.5	186.2	200.4	244.7
December	171.2	161.8	155.7	164.0	209.9
Annual Average	161.7	173.9	191.2	196.2	226.8

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Wholesale Tobacco and Confectionery

Month	Canada					Maritimes and Quebec				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	125.4	144.3	159.9	187.1	224.5	138.9	155.8	153.9	185.3	214.0
February	124.0	140.0	159.9	190.0	213.2	134.4	150.8	153.8	183.5	206.8
March	135.5	155.0	221.3	224.6	249.3	140.0	167.6	243.9	252.2	263.8
April	151.6	164.9	189.8	214.5	243.5	166.6	177.9	218.5	237.5	281.4
May	161.5	179.6	208.9	258.0	286.4	177.5	203.1	213.7	254.7	275.6
June	159.5	205.0	218.5	249.7	267.4	185.4	218.0	238.3	273.3	260.5
July	158.5	166.9	215.8	225.9	258.4	166.6	160.4	223.0	230.6	236.8
August	154.8	171.1	209.3	236.7	265.1	154.1	178.8	213.7	233.4	264.0
September	151.9	182.9	226.6	237.0	250.5	150.8	179.3	247.8	250.5	248.0
October	163.4	186.4	231.7	251.4	290.6	159.5	169.2	252.3	259.9	286.9
November	152.1	179.3	222.9	243.2	275.5	148.6	169.3	233.3	262.9	256.6
December	163.8	193.6	222.8	242.9	272.8	170.5	181.1	236.3	270.3	275.2
Annual Average	150.6	172.4	207.3	230.1	258.1	157.7	175.9	219.0	241.2	255.8

Month	Ontario					Western Provinces				
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	118.5	137.9	161.3	182.9	235.9	111.2	130.0	149.4	181.7	203.7
February	120.1	136.0	162.2	189.6	221.5	112.5	127.5	153.9	187.8	200.9
March	137.0	152.6	209.7	210.7	246.7	123.4	140.1	209.9	213.7	229.7
April	149.5	161.3	174.7	199.2	238.2	128.5	146.0	171.3	196.3	205.5
May	159.8	173.7	225.5	267.0	308.9	138.7	155.1	163.9	227.8	244.7
June	151.5	205.6	212.6	239.4	266.7	137.9	178.9	196.6	230.6	250.0
July	156.9	163.0	211.7	221.4	260.6	141.1	170.9	199.8	212.2	246.6
August	162.6	179.3	210.1	242.0	276.8	141.3	145.7	200.8	226.1	246.7
September	158.3	196.9	220.1	232.0	251.3	142.9	164.0	211.4	224.5	238.2
October	161.9	193.3	213.8	237.7	274.3	156.6	179.3	217.0	235.0	277.5
November	154.5	186.2	213.9	232.3	279.5	152.8	180.8	225.8	242.1	274.8
December	169.7	198.4	212.1	235.4	262.9	164.7	200.4	225.9	227.9	269.6
Annual Average	150.0	173.7	202.3	224.1	260.3	137.6	159.9	193.8	217.1	240.7

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE INVENTORIES--(Average for 1935-1939=100)

Wholesale Grocery Trade

Month	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	135.9	151.4	132.4	146.8	143.3
February	135.0	152.9	131.0	145.4	146.3
March	129.1	153.4	128.0	151.8	155.1
April	137.9	149.7	129.4	152.4	154.5
May	132.1	138.6	120.6	138.7	134.5
June	123.7	134.7	114.2	130.5	129.2
July	127.7	125.3	111.4	123.2	114.6
August	132.3	121.8	117.1	125.5	111.6
September	151.5	130.7	128.5	138.8	123.8
October	156.9	127.9	127.2	136.5	121.5
November	172.8	145.5	148.1	154.3	137.5
December	151.3	137.0	146.6	144.7	134.1

Wholesale Dry Goods Trade

Month	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945
January	119.8	127.3	113.2	97.7	93.2
February	124.2	130.7	112.0	100.5	95.2
March	130.9	135.9	108.6	100.8	95.5
April	121.5	127.6	102.6	96.1	93.7
May	117.3	125.6	99.2	103.1	96.3
June	113.0	124.4	100.4	105.9	96.7
July	132.1	132.4	104.2	110.6	102.4
August	126.5	121.9	95.9	97.7	88.4
September	120.1	112.5	94.3	93.0	88.1
October	125.0	119.5	102.3	99.9	83.7
November	106.1	109.7	95.9	94.7	80.1
December	113.3	115.7	100.9	94.3	87.3

STOCK SALES RATIO*

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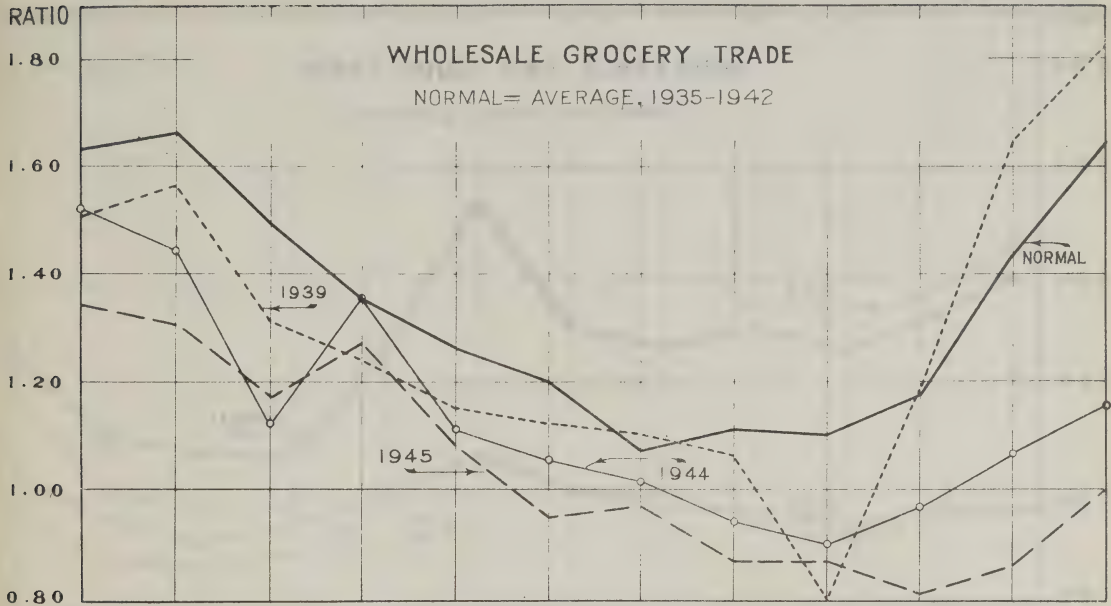
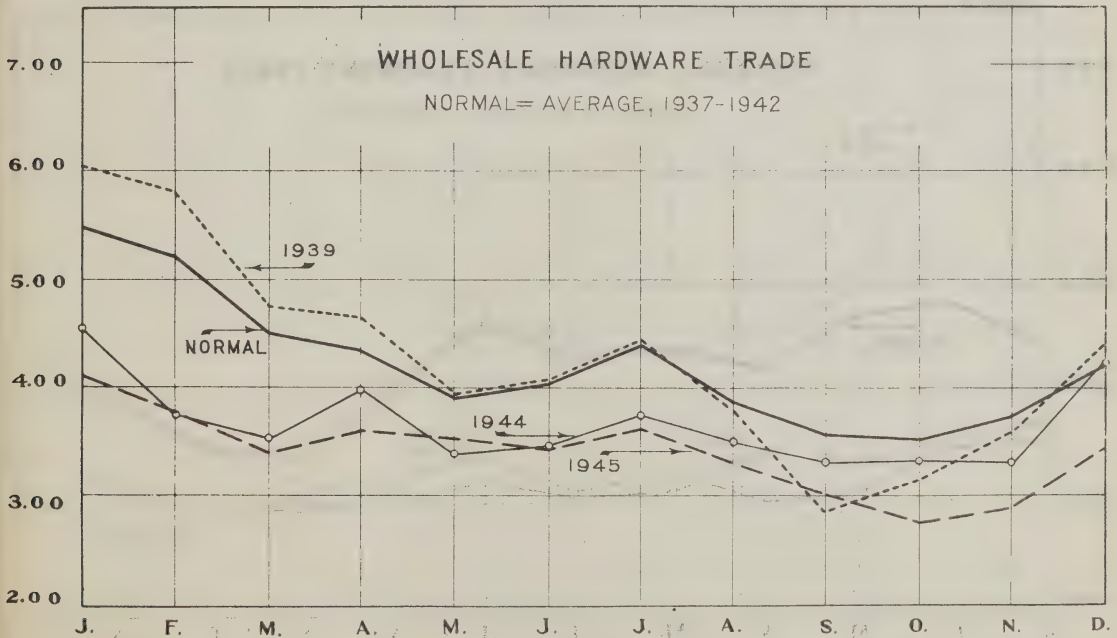


Chart 2



* Ratios that stocks on hand at beginning of month bear to sales in that month.

STOCK SALES RATIO*

Chart 3

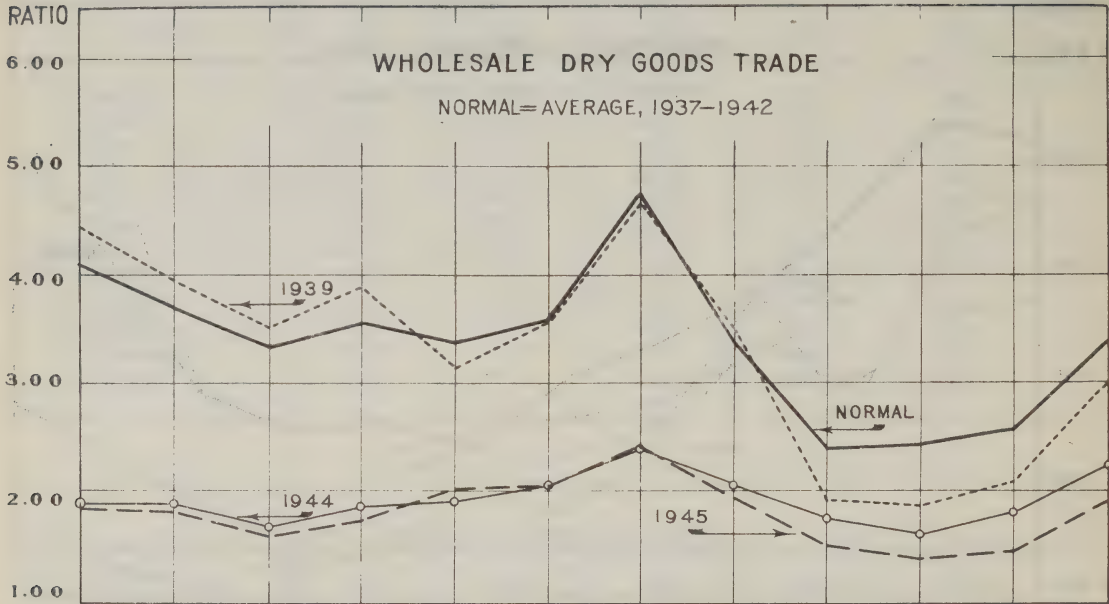
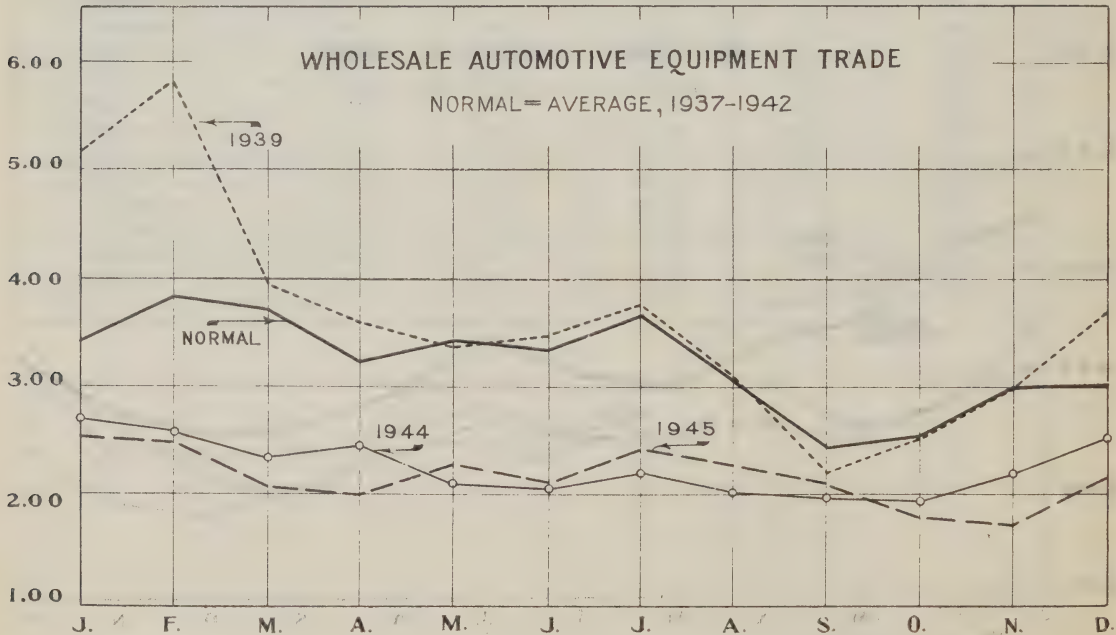


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OF
WHOLESALE SALES
IN
CANADA
1941 - 1946

Average, 1935-1939 = 100



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Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Sales, 1941-1946

(Average, 1935-1939 = 100)

Introduction

Monthly index numbers reflecting the current trend in sales for nine different kinds of wholesale trading are now available covering the twelve-year period from 1935 to 1946 inclusive. These index numbers are computed from monthly statements of sales sent to the Bureau by some 415 firms representing nine different trades. Sales of these 415 firms form approximately 68 per cent of the total volume of business of all wholesale merchants in the same nine kinds of business. Not all of the 415 firms are able to provide month-end inventory figures so that the inventory indexes and percentage changes are based on a somewhat smaller sample.

This bulletin forms a supplement to the monthly report entitled "Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Sales" and brings together in convenient form for reference purposes the complete series of index numbers from 1941 to 1946 inclusive. Furthermore, the index numbers shown here for 1946 have been revised slightly in some instances from those contained in the monthly series to provide for alterations caused by the inclusion of reports received too late to be included in the monthly series. In addition to the monthly indexes of sales, a table is included showing the percentage changes in dollar volume of sales between the years 1945 and 1946, and between 1941 and 1946. This table also gives the percentage change in year-end stocks for each trade. Inventory comparisons for each month are shown in the monthly bulletins.

It should be pointed out that the indexes of wholesale sales are based on returns secured from regular wholesale merchants only. Agents, brokers and commission houses are excluded. The survey is further restricted to those firms engaged chiefly in servicing the retail trades and includes only the following kinds of business: automotive supply and equipment, drugs, clothing, footwear, dry goods, fruits and vegetables, groceries, hardware, and tobacco and confectionery. Since manufacturing firms are not included, the indexes do not reflect the trend in business transacted directly between manufacturers and the retail trades.

Sales Trends

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada in 1946, as measured by the composite index of sales in the nine lines of trade for which figures are available, was 19 per cent above that for 1945 and 72 per cent higher than the 1941 level. The average monthly index for 1946 (on the base, 1935-1939 = 100) was 243.9 compared with 205.3 for 1945 and 141.9 for 1941.

General indexes on a regional basis indicate somewhat greater increases over 1945 in the west than in the east. Percentage gains in sales between 1945 and

1946, with gains between 1941 and 1946 in brackets, are as follows: Maritime Provinces, 9.6 per cent (68.7 per cent); Quebec, 16.7 per cent (59.0 per cent); Ontario, 18.8 per cent (70.5 per cent); Prairie Provinces, 22.9 per cent (84.1 per cent); British Columbia, 20.0 per cent (75.4 per cent). Relative to the base period, 1935-1939, sales (in 1946) stood highest in British Columbia where the average index for 1946 was 271.9. The Maritime Provinces had the next highest increase over the base period, the index for this region standing at 257.6. Ontario and the Prairie Provinces came next with indexes of dollar sales at 245.9 and 243.5 respectively while Quebec lagged behind with an average index of 223.3 for 1946.

Among the various trades, wholesalers in automotive equipment registered the greatest increase in volume of business compared with 1945. The dollar sales volume in this trade was 38 per cent above that of the previous year.

Improvement in the supply situation in the hardware trade was reflected in a 31 per cent increase over 1945.

Substantial increases over 1945 were also recorded in the dry goods and apparel trades. Footwear wholesalers' sales were up 25 per cent, clothing, 23 per cent and dry goods, 22 per cent. Sales in these trades in each month of 1946 exceeded those for the same month of the previous year but in the latter part of 1946 the margin of increase widened considerably.

Dollar volume of wholesale grocers' sales was 16 per cent higher than in 1945. Here again, the increases became greater in the latter half of the year. Sales of tobacco and confectionery gained 15 per cent in dollar volume while sales of fruits and vegetables during 1946 were 11 per cent higher than in the previous year. During the latter part of 1946, however, sales of fruits and vegetables dropped below the exceptionally high 1945 level.

Wholesalers in the drug trade recorded sales 10 per cent above those for 1945.

Inventories

Year-end inventories of all nine lines of trade covered by the survey were higher in 1946 than in 1945. The clothing trade recorded substantial and increasing gains in inventory values each month of the year 1946 compared with the corresponding month of 1945. December stocks were valued 66 per cent higher than those at the end of December, 1945. The value of stocks held by wholesale grocers was below that for 1945 for the first four months of 1946 but later months showed widening margins of increase until at the end of the year stocks were 43 per cent higher than at the same date the previous year. A similar situation prevailed in the dry goods trade with the December stocks being 22 per cent above those for December, 1945. Percentage increases in year-end stocks for the other trades were as follows: drugs, 11.2; footwear, 4.4; fruits and vegetables, 8.9; hardware, 11.5; tobacco and confectionery, 20.3. Indexes of month-end stocks, on the base 1935-1939 = 100, have been computed for the wholesale grocery and dry goods trades and are shown on page 19 of this bulletin.

Stock-sales ratios.—Stocks on hand at the beginning of any month may be considered as having a normal relationship to sales made in that month. The relationship will vary according to the normal seasonal distribution of sales and month-end inventories but over a period of years a normal relationship of stocks to sales for each month may be obtained. These normal relationships are plotted on the charts at the end of this bulletin together with the relationships for each month of 1939, 1945 and 1946. Sales were reduced to cost price by the amount of gross margin of the reporting firms before the stock-sales ratios were computed. In the grocery trade, the

stock-sales ratios were considerably below the normal (average 1935-1942) as well as the year 1945 until the month of October when an upward trend began. Although still below normal, the year-end stock situation for 1946 showed some improvement over that existing in the previous two years. Both the hardware and dry goods trades had stock-sales ratios well below normal (based on the average for 1937-1942) and somewhat below 1945 throughout all months of 1946. Stock-sales relationships in the automotive equipment trade were also below the normal as measured during the period 1937-1942, but showed a slight improvement over 1945 in the last two months of the year.

Sales Coverage in Monthly Wholesale Surveys

More than 400 wholesale firms are now reporting sales figures for the monthly survey of wholesale trade. The following table shows the numbers of firms reporting in the several trades sampled together with the total sales of these firms in 1941 and the ratios that the sales of the sample bear to the total sales of all similar firms as recorded in the results of the Census of Merchandising and Service Establishments for 1941.

Number and Sales of Firms Reporting to Monthly Surveys of Wholesale Trade

	Number of firms reporting	Sales of firms reporting, 1941	
		Amount	Per cent of total sales, all similar firms
		\$	
Total, All Trades Sampled	415	529,549,500	68.3
Maritime Provinces	43	42,122,000	58.1
Quebec	122	120,468,600	57.3
Ontario	142	175,075,700	68.3
Prairie Provinces	70	131,125,900	81.7
British Columbia	38	60,797,500	80.4
Automotive Equipment	43	24,642,930	44.9
Maritime Provinces and Quebec	12	4,624,952	32.6
Ontario	17	10,708,993	41.2
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	14	9,308,985	63.4

Number and Sales of Firms Reporting to Monthly Surveys
of Wholesale Trade--(Concl'd.)

	Number of firms reporting	Sales of firms reporting, 1941	
		Amount	Per cent of total sales, all similar firms
		\$	
Drugs	20	31,676,336	68.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	14	23,781,088	38.6
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	6	7,895,248	91.3
Clothing	34	11,656,051	56.1
Footwear	16	8,771,956	66.4
Dry Goods	50	47,456,609	58.0
Maritimes and Quebec	26	20,761,307	48.0
Ontario	12	16,220,637	65.0
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	12	10,474,665	77.2
Fruits and Vegetables	48	62,002,006	59.5
Maritimes and Quebec	18	15,861,514	40.5
Ontario	18	21,233,688	67.8
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	12	24,906,804	73.8
Groceries	79	206,979,750	76.6
Maritime Provinces	17	24,383,649	62.2
Quebec	22	34,975,596	66.2
Ontario	22	62,684,164	80.5
Prairie Provinces	12	60,209,500	84.9
British Columbia	6	24,726,841	84.7
Hardware	54	87,933,018	81.2
Maritime Provinces	8	5,117,863	49.2
Quebec	17	22,361,153	80.6
Ontario	16	21,120,750	79.4
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	13	39,333,252	90.4
Tobacco and Confectionery	71	48,430,813	63.5

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Trade and Region	Percentage Change		
	S a l e s		Inventory
	1946	1946	December,
	1945	1941	1946 December, 1945
Automotive Equipment	+37.6	+111.7	+ 32.6
Maritimes and Quebec	+28.4	+124.1	
Ontario	+46.7	+ 85.6	
Western Provinces	+34.7	+136.7	
Drugs	+10.4	+ 68.9	+ 11.2
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 9.0	+ 64.1	
Western Provinces	+14.5	+ 83.5	
Clothing	+23.1	+ 60.6	+ 66.3
Footwear	+24.7	+ 97.3	+ 4.4
Dry Goods	+22.0	+ 39.3	+ 21.8
Maritimes and Quebec	+20.7	+ 31.8	
Ontario	+25.4	+ 39.7	
Western Provinces	+19.2	+ 53.9	
Fruits and Vegetables	+10.9	+121.6	+ 8.9
Maritimes and Quebec	+ 3.1	+ 97.6	
Ontario	+10.6	+104.1	
Western Provinces	+19.4	+158.6	
Groceries	+15.9	+ 55.1	+ 43.4
Maritimes	+ 9.7	+ 63.4	
Quebec	+16.6	+ 44.8	
Ontario	+15.7	+ 63.9	
Prairies	+17.4	+ 46.7	
British Columbia	+19.1	+ 59.7	
Hardware	+30.8	+ 67.9	+ 11.5
Maritimes	+26.6	+ 67.6	
Quebec	+24.5	+ 54.2	
Ontario	+37.5	+ 51.8	
Western Provinces	+31.7	+ 84.7	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+15.0	+ 97.1	+ 20.3
Maritimes and Quebec	+10.6	+ 79.5	
Ontario	+13.1	+ 96.3	
Western Provinces	+19.1	+108.3	
Wholesale Trade --			
Maritimes	+ 9.6	+ 68.7	
Quebec	+16.7	+ 59.0	
Ontario	+18.8	+ 70.5	
Prairies	+22.9	+ 84.1	
British Columbia	+20.0	+ 75.4	
CANADA	+18.8	+ 71.9	+ 23.7

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Month	General Index					
	Canada					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	106.2	132.5	142.2	159.5	182.6	217.3
February	110.6	136.4	148.5	168.7	178.3	210.2
March	125.1	156.2	175.9	190.7	201.4	234.2
April	141.6	155.3	165.4	173.7	197.3	238.5
May	148.6	159.3	165.4	195.2	205.9	259.8
June	140.6	167.5	175.4	190.0	206.9	241.5
July	147.1	155.5	173.2	179.3	203.7	249.3
August	156.6	158.5	173.4	199.2	216.3	260.2
September	171.2	178.9	186.2	205.4	217.7	259.5
October	170.5	172.4	176.5	202.4	237.2	276.8
November	147.4	153.9	172.2	195.3	221.5	257.2
December	137.4	147.4	164.1	171.5	194.7	222.2
Annual Average	141.9	156.2	168.2	185.9	205.3	243.9

Month	Maritimes					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	111.5	134.0	140.8	176.8	202.8	232.0
February	112.6	133.7	145.5	174.3	187.4	201.1
March	132.7	163.0	186.1	214.2	219.6	234.8
April	149.9	166.8	182.5	201.5	226.1	245.8
May	156.2	178.7	191.2	237.9	253.6	287.6
June	148.3	192.0	208.7	226.0	250.6	258.9
July	170.5	177.8	211.2	212.7	240.6	281.5
August	163.1	171.7	197.6	220.3	250.0	265.0
September	184.2	194.3	211.2	243.3	237.9	270.7
October	190.2	193.2	211.0	250.0	277.3	296.4
November	168.1	178.9	212.7	245.9	257.5	280.4
December	144.9	152.3	189.9	201.1	217.0	237.4
Annual Average	152.7	169.7	190.7	217.0	235.0	257.6

Month	Quebec					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	94.9	119.1	136.5	149.1	164.8	185.6
February	108.2	133.7	150.7	164.4	170.6	197.6
March	122.6	164.7	176.7	185.7	195.2	224.3
April	140.5	160.0	166.4	165.2	194.4	223.2
May	148.4	164.4	161.9	183.1	187.1	225.5
June	141.8	170.4	162.2	180.0	184.0	206.4
July	134.8	139.5	150.0	153.6	179.4	212.1
August	144.5	146.8	146.9	169.4	183.6	218.3
September	180.3	179.8	179.1	203.5	210.8	251.9
October	180.1	173.6	180.2	209.8	233.7	272.7
November	156.3	152.2	173.1	194.9	210.1	246.9
December	132.4	130.3	155.7	163.5	182.8	214.8
Annual Average	140.4	152.9	161.6	176.9	191.4	223.3

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

General Index (Concl'd.)

Month	Ontario					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	114.3	144.2	149.7	161.5	189.8	231.7
February	112.9	139.0	149.8	165.8	181.4	211.9
March	131.0	158.0	175.2	191.0	202.7	237.4
April	146.8	158.4	167.0	172.8	202.2	245.5
May	156.6	164.4	169.8	198.2	215.4	272.3
June	147.1	174.5	176.1	190.5	210.5	243.3
July	148.0	152.4	168.9	176.3	201.2	249.3
August	153.7	156.2	164.8	195.1	212.9	257.6
September	169.6	176.0	177.6	193.8	208.1	253.5
October	166.1	167.1	167.8	194.3	231.8	267.3
November	142.8	148.7	164.5	189.3	224.1	251.0
December	141.5	149.6	160.4	174.7	202.8	229.8
Annual Average	144.2	157.4	166.0	183.6	206.9	245.9

Month	Prairies					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	98.1	122.3	127.1	152.4	171.8	206.7
February	100.6	124.2	134.3	161.8	167.6	204.1
March	112.1	138.9	162.0	180.8	191.5	230.2
April	130.1	140.1	151.2	168.3	179.7	233.3
May	134.6	140.1	149.8	186.5	193.6	260.2
June	128.0	142.8	164.5	183.1	194.1	243.8
July	146.0	156.5	177.2	190.7	208.2	263.8
August	162.0	161.2	189.1	220.7	230.6	285.7
September	161.8	175.9	190.1	213.7	228.9	268.3
October	153.4	164.3	170.2	194.9	229.8	276.9
November	135.8	146.4	165.3	190.6	214.2	257.9
December	125.3	137.5	158.3	153.9	168.2	191.9
Annual Average	132.3	145.9	161.6	183.1	198.2	243.6

Month	British Columbia					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	120.4	148.1	168.4	179.3	208.2	252.1
February	126.6	159.6	170.6	191.4	197.0	242.5
March	137.6	169.5	201.7	205.3	219.3	250.9
April	152.3	167.4	184.0	189.2	215.1	259.0
May	160.9	174.4	188.5	213.2	224.9	286.7
June	148.0	188.3	209.2	209.8	236.7	279.5
July	161.7	185.6	206.6	199.0	233.6	279.9
August	166.0	167.3	195.1	202.5	231.7	283.8
September	172.9	184.1	200.9	200.9	221.6	266.8
October	192.4	191.1	187.5	198.8	250.7	298.1
November	162.4	180.3	190.4	200.7	236.4	288.7
December	158.2	194.9	187.1	198.3	241.1	275.1
Annual Average	155.0	175.9	190.8	199.0	226.5	271.9

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Automotive Equipment Trade

Month	Canada					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	117.7	165.3	127.9	170.2	203.6	358.7
February	111.1	164.0	130.2	183.7	210.2	310.9
March	124.3	163.3	137.5	183.3	235.4	338.3
April	161.6	151.4	142.3	180.0	238.0	344.4
May	160.8	135.7	151.3	195.2	213.5	350.1
June	160.2	124.3	167.9	202.3	235.3	341.7
July	172.0	127.1	162.2	194.5	228.3	322.4
August	174.2	140.8	186.0	222.3	254.3	334.2
September	196.4	169.1	199.2	237.0	293.6	387.6
October	189.1	157.5	182.4	222.0	308.6	360.8
November	161.8	146.3	169.4	208.9	290.8	327.4
December	163.9	126.9	141.1	166.8	202.0	231.9
Annual Average	157.8	147.6	158.1	197.2	242.8	334.0

Month	Maritimes and Quebec					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	109.4	131.3	112.5	149.0	187.9	326.0
February	98.4	180.8	134.3	199.4	255.8	354.0
March	130.4	204.6	138.3	179.9	244.5	339.1
April	166.0	151.6	130.1	182.3	260.1	337.3
May	181.4	174.9	184.5	262.7	296.9	433.8
June	165.1	142.2	171.5	235.0	280.4	380.2
July	184.6	148.8	165.6	210.0	281.8	408.3
August	184.0	144.6	183.5	248.8	309.0	368.9
September	193.1	168.2	201.2	264.8	300.3	371.8
October	208.4	181.3	209.9	266.6	399.4	415.8
November	172.8	155.2	190.0	229.9	355.9	362.0
December	190.4	139.0	184.0	175.0	289.1	347.2
Annual Average	165.3	160.2	167.1	217.0	288.4	370.4

Month	Ontario					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	140.1	206.2	136.5	158.2	198.9	336.3
February	120.3	155.3	117.3	159.2	167.3	263.7
March	138.6	164.0	132.0	163.2	203.5	318.3
April	171.8	154.6	132.5	145.8	202.2	291.0
May	168.1	132.8	122.7	158.7	168.5	265.1
June	159.3	123.9	144.6	167.9	192.6	292.0
July	179.6	126.4	148.5	161.7	192.9	302.5
August	157.5	119.9	142.4	166.5	197.0	288.8
September	191.5	150.1	172.3	207.1	239.4	358.4
October	176.9	133.2	143.2	187.4	249.1	332.3
November	163.4	127.6	144.2	175.5	247.1	296.7
December	166.8	118.1	127.5	150.3	189.2	243.5
Annual Average	161.2	142.7	138.6	166.8	204.0	299.2

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Automotive Equipment Trade (Concl'd.)

Month	Western Provinces					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	101.6	146.6	130.2	196.0	220.5	404.0
February	108.2	163.7	140.5	200.8	233.1	339.2
March	108.8	145.9	143.9	205.5	263.5	360.7
April	150.8	149.9	160.4	216.4	267.5	406.1
May	149.3	127.8	175.5	215.9	237.9	413.9
June	160.4	118.1	194.3	228.1	265.1	383.9
July	158.0	118.0	175.0	221.6	241.3	307.4
August	179.9	155.4	226.3	260.7	280.5	353.7
September	192.6	179.9	215.0	242.5	329.1	404.5
October	177.7	161.0	199.2	223.1	311.7	340.7
November	153.8	162.4	187.4	235.7	310.2	342.8
December	159.4	139.8	146.4	191.8	203.3	203.7
Annual Average	150.0	147.4	174.5	219.8	263.6	355.1

Clothing Trade

Month	Canada					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	71.4	101.8	186.0	225.2	231.5	281.5
February	100.0	139.9	205.1	222.5	209.6	233.7
March	118.4	170.0	199.9	209.7	223.3	235.6
April	138.7	170.6	195.2	172.6	182.8	213.7
May	134.9	169.4	161.6	165.8	148.7	199.6
June	113.7	154.6	161.4	145.3	144.7	182.3
July	103.7	134.2	146.1	140.1	146.7	172.4
August	185.3	202.7	194.8	194.4	193.2	266.2
September	216.1	239.2	209.3	183.8	199.2	243.4
October	220.4	227.9	184.4	222.8	238.6	282.3
November	182.5	203.5	173.2	194.9	200.2	273.7
December	128.4	136.5	113.0	120.0	116.9	167.3
Annual Average	142.8	170.9	177.5	183.1	186.3	229.3

Footwear Trade

Month	Canada					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	55.2	93.2	159.7	201.1	221.0	230.3
February	104.9	149.8	194.0	186.8	215.6	238.2
March	137.1	191.3	190.5	184.2	226.0	290.0
April	177.4	197.3	188.0	178.4	246.0	321.5
May	139.4	161.8	147.9	195.2	202.6	282.8
June	114.7	130.6	157.6	191.0	210.7	239.6
July	84.8	122.8	130.7	126.4	155.9	190.7
August	140.4	170.2	174.3	228.3	263.5	328.6
September	202.9	224.0	199.1	212.8	243.9	337.6
October	216.6	222.7	188.2	227.9	263.9	350.5
November	153.0	144.9	174.2	189.4	219.3	292.3
December	172.2	123.5	173.4	143.7	219.0	251.0
Annual Average	141.6	161.0	173.1	188.8	224.0	279.4

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Month	Drug Trade					
	Canada					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	142.7	160.5	172.7	197.9	216.9	247.0
February	129.8	152.1	172.0	195.4	202.6	227.7
March	131.3	155.5	186.1	200.4	209.4	228.9
April	141.9	174.3	185.6	193.0	220.0	235.8
May	140.6	155.4	173.4	205.0	222.0	253.5
June	133.2	158.8	174.0	184.8	210.5	213.9
July	140.5	156.4	178.0	181.7	208.0	234.4
August	147.3	161.6	173.1	202.4	223.2	250.9
September	160.8	182.2	197.9	207.0	227.1	258.4
October	170.8	196.4	207.8	236.7	268.2	292.1
November	154.9	178.4	200.5	231.8	259.4	284.3
December	148.6	156.2	189.2	186.7	198.3	215.8
Annual Average	145.2	165.7	184.2	201.9	222.1	245.2

Month	Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	145.8	163.9	173.6	197.2	213.8	244.6
February	131.6	154.1	173.2	193.1	200.4	223.0
March	132.5	154.5	181.2	196.2	206.0	224.3
April	143.7	174.6	184.2	191.6	217.5	226.9
May	141.1	155.9	172.9	207.8	225.0	252.0
June	134.4	159.5	171.0	181.1	205.4	200.3
July	140.1	155.4	174.4	174.7	203.0	227.6
August	148.2	161.4	170.3	200.8	222.7	243.9
September	162.9	186.5	199.2	217.9	236.6	267.8
October	174.0	197.3	207.0	236.0	264.1	285.0
November	156.2	180.6	199.4	234.7	256.3	277.3
December	149.5	156.4	192.4	190.3	199.2	215.1
Annual Average	146.7	166.7	183.2	201.8	220.8	240.7

Month	Western Provinces					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	132.3	149.6	168.0	200.1	225.7	254.8
February	126.0	147.9	170.2	204.4	211.6	244.8
March	127.4	158.1	200.3	212.3	218.9	242.1
April	134.0	169.6	185.4	192.4	222.0	255.7
May	138.6	153.2	174.3	196.8	212.9	256.1
June	128.5	155.0	180.9	193.7	223.3	251.4
July	140.9	158.1	187.3	201.2	221.3	253.2
August	143.3	160.8	179.3	205.1	222.7	268.6
September	159.6	175.1	200.3	180.5	203.6	235.6
October	159.3	191.5	208.0	236.3	277.7	309.9
November	151.1	172.3	203.5	223.9	268.7	305.2
December	145.8	156.0	180.6	176.8	196.2	218.2
Annual Average	140.6	162.3	186.5	202.0	225.4	258.0

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Dry Goods Trade						
Month	Canada					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	91.8	131.4	174.9	188.0	182.2	203.5
February	112.2	151.9	173.6	174.3	173.1	188.7
March	130.9	191.8	180.3	187.9	186.2	192.3
April	139.0	179.9	152.7	165.4	167.9	193.4
May	142.9	169.2	150.4	165.1	147.4	199.4
June	129.1	162.3	141.7	156.0	143.5	173.3
July	103.9	124.7	124.8	133.8	121.8	161.6
August	169.5	167.0	148.5	174.5	168.9	215.7
September	220.0	205.9	166.4	189.2	191.3	232.2
October	195.0	182.7	154.4	186.1	184.6	228.7
November	166.8	148.5	138.6	158.7	162.0	218.9
December	100.6	107.0	105.0	111.8	113.4	162.5
Annual Average	141.8	160.2	150.9	165.9	161.9	197.5

Month	Maritimes and Quebec					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	82.1	123.2	169.5	165.8	165.0	163.2
February	103.8	139.3	171.5	175.3	171.8	196.5
March	132.2	198.7	181.6	190.5	182.3	193.8
April	149.1	200.2	157.6	167.4	172.8	199.2
May	149.9	171.5	148.2	161.4	150.3	189.7
June	140.6	175.2	148.9	170.2	153.2	175.1
July	86.0	100.4	101.0	103.8	103.2	132.1
August	149.6	151.5	127.6	136.1	131.9	166.1
September	227.9	204.9	168.8	188.2	192.2	223.1
October	199.2	168.3	151.3	185.6	178.4	210.0
November	179.0	137.3	135.1	152.9	156.7	201.4
December	100.8	86.9	91.8	103.6	98.4	150.5
Annual Average	141.7	154.8	146.1	158.4	154.7	186.7

Month	Ontario					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	111.0	163.5	195.2	204.6	204.0	241.7
February	127.8	180.5	190.2	175.9	180.6	191.8
March	136.1	196.1	173.7	182.4	189.7	194.8
April	139.2	179.3	142.5	148.6	163.3	196.8
May	153.1	187.4	159.9	170.6	150.3	216.0
June	136.2	168.1	130.8	137.1	148.9	175.1
July	122.0	133.1	116.6	143.3	129.7	177.8
August	188.8	173.5	153.9	186.2	192.2	234.3
September	231.3	209.3	163.3	183.1	187.9	239.9
October	201.0	188.1	154.2	179.5	184.0	242.7
November	178.1	154.6	140.7	165.7	166.4	243.6
December	94.9	121.5	109.0	124.4	130.2	186.8
Annual Average	151.6	171.3	152.5	166.8	168.9	211.8

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Dry Goods Trade (Concl'd.)

Month	Western Provinces					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	85.0	106.4	161.1	209.8	187.8	193.1
February	104.7	135.4	153.5	168.1	162.9	167.6
March	121.1	173.1	187.3	209.0	205.7	204.5
April	117.3	140.6	153.4	179.3	160.1	172.3
May	114.0	138.2	139.7	162.2	136.4	192.9
June	97.3	129.0	141.5	154.5	116.8	161.5
July	116.3	164.8	187.9	185.1	149.2	200.7
August	177.2	183.4	177.9	229.5	205.6	242.2
September	186.7	198.8	162.6	194.8	189.9	231.3
October	180.4	203.1	162.1	197.8	199.0	247.2
November	149.5	175.2	156.3	175.8	181.8	239.1
December	106.5	120.3	121.3	104.8	113.7	142.8
Annual Average	129.7	155.7	158.7	180.9	167.4	199.6

Fruits and Vegetables

Month	Canada					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	94.0	117.6	141.5	172.1	189.1	230.5
February	99.0	119.3	159.3	181.6	193.6	241.0
March	117.7	147.8	206.2	220.0	238.3	297.2
April	134.6	157.6	209.9	218.9	256.1	288.4
May	160.5	188.4	215.5	261.4	271.1	337.0
June	148.6	182.5	224.1	232.4	281.2	329.0
July	143.7	164.1	233.5	230.2	288.0	329.2
August	136.2	151.7	215.7	238.8	278.7	311.3
September	150.2	185.6	221.2	249.5	296.4	301.1
October	130.3	157.5	209.8	218.2	288.5	287.1
November	119.0	148.9	201.6	206.0	269.4	263.7
December	141.2	182.3	234.1	234.6	298.2	276.4
Annual Average	131.3	158.6	206.0	222.0	262.4	291.0

Month	Maritimes and Quebec					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	82.4	104.4	127.6	162.3	170.7	179.9
February	116.6	144.1	175.9	198.9	209.2	224.3
March	127.1	167.5	218.4	214.5	240.5	261.2
April	128.9	168.9	209.3	213.5	266.4	310.6
May	165.9	211.0	237.8	278.0	274.9	306.0
June	165.7	213.1	245.5	244.0	300.9	338.2
July	119.3	141.1	202.8	197.7	262.0	253.9
August	103.1	115.7	141.8	158.0	184.1	190.4
September	163.9	180.0	202.0	242.0	288.7	286.4
October	114.7	140.3	181.8	182.9	250.9	226.1
November	121.4	150.3	207.1	189.3	241.9	233.7
December	135.9	162.1	208.1	216.2	270.3	240.3
Annual Average	128.7	158.2	196.5	208.1	246.7	254.3

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Fruits and Vegetables (Concl'd.)

Month	Ontario					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	108.7	135.4	164.6	176.0	193.6	261.2
February	104.7	129.9	168.2	178.3	192.9	245.9
March	130.4	162.5	209.5	226.1	244.4	321.1
April	150.3	170.6	212.2	216.2	252.1	324.7
May	184.9	211.3	212.8	256.0	272.6	342.7
June	155.5	187.4	227.7	223.8	273.3	304.2
July	156.6	164.6	223.7	219.0	279.2	330.0
August	137.5	138.2	189.9	218.2	264.0	278.8
September	133.0	147.2	179.6	201.7	256.6	237.9
October	135.5	147.6	181.7	202.8	272.4	254.4
November	122.5	144.8	192.1	193.8	286.0	249.4
December	155.9	187.9	218.0	230.9	302.9	268.4
Annual Average	139.6	160.6	198.3	211.9	257.5	284.9

Month	Western Provinces					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	82.4	102.7	121.0	163.1	185.1	220.8
February	83.8	96.5	141.2	173.1	180.2	240.6
March	97.8	119.1	187.6	208.0	220.3	284.2
April	114.1	126.9	189.6	204.4	233.8	303.5
May	130.8	148.1	193.3	242.2	252.4	332.9
June	132.8	160.8	207.6	232.7	275.1	347.5
July	151.2	179.2	261.6	261.3	308.3	382.0
August	158.2	187.2	293.3	316.2	358.9	433.9
September	163.3	225.4	272.3	301.2	340.7	372.4
October	135.6	175.9	250.0	250.8	318.8	356.4
November	121.5	159.9	217.3	238.2	278.7	309.9
December	130.6	187.1	258.4	242.6	301.8	301.5
Annual Average	125.2	155.7	216.1	236.2	271.2	323.8

Grocery Trade

Month	Canada					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	106.7	127.2	124.8	135.9	165.4	185.4
February	106.4	125.6	129.5	148.9	155.9	173.7
March	117.4	141.2	153.3	171.4	170.5	187.6
April	132.4	135.0	143.4	151.6	166.6	190.1
May	137.1	142.2	143.1	172.9	187.4	218.1
June	132.3	163.3	162.0	177.9	188.8	203.1
July	151.0	155.1	158.4	168.7	186.6	220.6
August	153.8	153.2	155.8	184.6	191.1	224.9
September	157.0	165.5	168.1	188.3	179.6	223.4
October	160.9	163.0	152.4	183.0	203.1	248.2
November	137.0	143.7	156.6	185.6	195.8	231.2
December	124.6	143.3	155.6	163.1	171.6	200.8
Annual Average	134.7	146.5	150.3	169.3	180.2	208.9

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Grocery Trade (Cont'd.)

Month	Maritime Provinces					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	117.9	140.2	145.9	180.3	210.8	236.3
February	121.2	136.4	145.9	173.0	187.4	195.6
March	136.9	159.8	182.3	218.2	215.8	227.9
April	143.9	153.0	174.6	184.7	209.6	220.9
May	149.7	176.0	182.2	217.2	236.5	255.9
June	142.3	189.8	195.7	217.8	246.8	244.8
July	178.0	173.4	194.6	206.7	231.1	275.9
August	163.3	167.9	189.7	211.5	236.9	255.9
September	167.0	176.5	200.9	228.6	207.3	247.5
October	186.2	183.6	201.4	239.9	255.0	284.1
November	163.4	173.2	211.3	242.8	243.3	274.7
December	141.1	154.9	193.5	203.8	216.8	240.2
Annual Average	150.9	165.4	184.8	210.4	224.8	246.6

Month	Quebec					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	86.7	99.9	108.3	110.5	134.3	144.5
February	95.6	108.5	118.7	133.2	129.1	150.0
March	99.8	133.4	140.9	150.3	143.7	163.1
April	120.2	123.7	143.1	135.9	150.4	170.4
May	135.5	141.2	144.9	157.5	169.3	198.8
June	126.8	161.9	144.6	157.5	169.8	165.6
July	155.0	149.0	146.0	150.4	167.1	198.7
August	149.1	148.5	142.6	166.7	171.4	202.8
September	161.3	169.7	157.5	181.0	165.4	212.7
October	177.7	173.8	158.9	197.2	204.1	256.8
November	153.3	153.6	162.4	201.1	193.9	229.8
December	117.3	126.1	145.6	157.0	161.4	191.1
Annual Average	131.5	140.8	142.8	158.2	163.3	190.4

Month	Ontario					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	104.9	127.3	128.1	136.2	174.1	199.9
February	102.4	120.5	129.7	149.7	166.9	176.2
March	119.5	138.7	156.0	175.8	175.8	190.9
April	129.6	129.9	148.6	157.2	171.3	193.4
May	134.4	135.6	146.7	173.5	197.8	227.5
June	135.6	170.0	165.1	184.7	190.6	207.8
July	144.2	148.7	163.7	172.2	187.0	220.8
August	144.0	154.2	156.2	191.7	191.7	234.1
September	154.3	167.6	165.8	181.9	171.7	226.1
October	149.5	158.8	154.4	180.3	204.3	249.2
November	126.0	139.1	154.8	187.2	202.7	232.1
December	124.1	143.6	158.2	172.3	186.8	212.2
Annual Average	130.7	144.5	152.3	171.9	185.1	214.2

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Grocery Trade (Concl'd.)

Month	Prairie Provinces					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	105.2	127.0	114.7	124.9	146.4	163.5
February	103.5	122.3	119.6	140.1	140.0	161.3
March	112.0	130.8	142.7	157.0	153.9	173.4
April	129.6	131.7	123.4	136.5	146.3	173.8
May	130.8	132.9	126.1	161.0	171.1	202.2
June	123.6	139.1	148.0	163.7	166.2	190.5
July	147.9	154.9	146.2	163.5	177.1	208.3
August	157.3	147.9	148.8	180.6	180.2	210.7
September	154.1	158.6	163.5	182.3	177.2	205.9
October	149.8	154.6	131.9	163.6	182.3	227.1
November	127.4	129.8	136.2	159.5	172.3	210.6
December	119.7	134.3	144.9	134.0	136.7	162.3
Annual Average	130.1	138.7	137.2	155.6	162.5	190.8

Month	British Columbia					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	125.5	144.7	135.8	148.9	183.1	204.2
February	121.4	155.6	147.4	162.1	170.0	203.0
March	129.5	163.3	160.2	180.4	192.3	209.2
April	147.2	150.1	147.2	161.0	181.1	212.6
May	157.1	161.0	147.3	190.3	192.0	236.7
June	141.7	179.0	179.0	185.1	209.5	235.5
July	144.4	160.1	156.9	161.0	192.1	225.7
August	161.9	151.2	154.8	172.3	195.6	232.2
September	157.9	163.3	174.1	196.2	204.8	257.4
October	177.4	166.2	153.2	175.7	214.9	266.0
November	147.8	155.5	163.3	183.2	208.1	256.2
December	132.6	177.4	155.8	184.2	196.0	248.1
Annual Average	145.4	160.6	156.2	175.0	195.0	232.2

Hardware Trade

Month	Canada					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	108.0	147.1	149.2	153.1	173.0	228.5
February	118.3	156.0	155.5	176.6	186.3	257.8
March	142.2	178.7	188.2	195.9	217.8	283.8
April	166.0	183.8	184.0	178.5	212.8	279.0
May	175.9	179.1	182.5	196.2	205.4	300.1
June	166.5	181.0	184.6	192.5	211.2	286.8
July	175.9	181.4	179.9	175.6	203.5	261.8
August	177.2	167.1	174.6	191.2	218.9	292.5
September	196.2	177.8	181.0	198.6	228.6	280.9
October	200.2	173.2	173.5	193.1	246.6	297.2
November	181.3	167.5	176.5	197.9	236.5	290.7
December	175.0	147.2	147.6	156.5	201.6	249.4
Annual Average	165.2	170.0	173.1	183.8	212.0	277.4

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Hardware Trade (Cont'd.)

Month	Maritime Provinces					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	100.8	135.8	108.5	135.7	145.3	176.5
February	91.4	119.2	118.6	135.1	146.3	193.7
March	117.0	165.4	146.9	194.5	195.1	229.8
April	159.4	189.8	174.0	201.3	222.4	271.1
May	164.9	171.5	184.9	213.9	200.0	297.6
June	156.0	181.4	190.8	204.5	208.0	292.4
July	146.9	162.0	167.0	167.8	192.8	257.2
August	160.6	157.2	174.5	176.8	208.8	268.5
September	210.1	188.5	186.8	237.4	242.4	294.8
October	193.6	176.2	198.6	245.1	259.8	311.8
November	172.0	152.2	166.4	214.3	222.9	246.3
December	145.3	113.0	131.5	134.5	163.4	206.5
Annual Average	151.5	159.4	162.4	188.4	200.6	253.9

Month	Quebec					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	110.2	151.1	153.4	159.1	183.8	239.9
February	101.7	131.1	140.4	149.0	167.6	221.9
March	133.6	170.7	173.9	175.3	204.9	267.6
April	163.5	180.2	168.7	155.4	203.3	253.3
May	174.6	177.7	163.1	181.2	187.9	243.5
June	171.6	184.1	167.0	193.1	201.8	262.9
July	176.7	181.8	158.9	156.4	190.0	247.8
August	181.3	168.2	162.0	190.8	218.5	265.0
September	215.0	190.1	177.6	215.1	235.7	279.8
October	204.6	183.3	169.2	203.2	247.7	270.0
November	191.0	170.6	181.5	209.6	233.5	277.9
December	163.2	127.8	143.9	147.9	186.1	234.9
Annual Average	165.6	168.1	163.3	178.0	205.1	255.4

Month	Ontario					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	129.0	171.4	127.2	129.5	138.8	195.0
February	121.3	160.7	129.0	146.8	156.9	239.6
March	154.2	183.2	164.0	186.0	196.2	273.9
April	180.0	188.8	174.3	159.1	205.2	282.4
May	195.1	187.7	166.7	185.4	192.4	309.2
June	189.2	188.3	166.8	186.0	209.4	290.0
July	171.0	165.0	138.6	147.1	166.2	254.8
August	157.3	136.9	125.7	150.5	172.6	234.9
September	208.8	170.8	168.4	179.7	217.1	277.9
October	204.7	147.0	153.5	173.9	227.1	272.1
November	183.4	145.3	153.4	175.9	224.4	276.7
December	198.0	140.6	132.7	149.6	203.3	269.2
Annual Average	174.3	165.5	150.0	164.1	192.5	264.6

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Hardware Trade (Concl'd.)

Month	Western Provinces					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	99.6	137.6	171.9	172.6	198.8	259.2
February	124.1	165.2	174.6	204.1	212.3	283.0
March	139.2	175.9	204.7	204.1	229.2	292.5
April	159.9	181.0	196.2	196.0	218.5	289.5
May	172.1	180.2	205.6	212.6	227.5	337.2
June	158.7	180.9	208.2	200.1	224.7	307.4
July	180.1	190.5	215.1	202.0	231.5	316.9
August	178.9	175.7	199.6	206.0	235.0	327.8
September	185.5	179.4	194.3	202.3	237.3	291.9
October	195.4	180.2	182.2	190.4	252.5	320.7
November	175.9	178.5	186.2	200.4	244.7	308.6
December	171.2	161.8	155.7	164.0	209.9	248.7
Annual Average	161.7	173.9	191.2	196.2	226.8	298.6

Tobacco and Confectionery

Month	Canada					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	125.4	144.3	159.9	187.1	221.5	255.0
February	124.0	140.0	159.9	190.0	213.2	228.8
March	135.5	155.0	221.3	224.6	249.3	271.7
April	151.6	164.9	189.8	214.5	243.5	294.6
May	161.5	179.6	208.9	258.0	286.4	339.1
June	159.5	205.0	218.5	249.7	267.4	302.2
July	158.5	166.9	215.8	225.9	258.4	317.6
August	154.8	171.1	209.3	236.7	265.1	307.8
September	151.9	182.9	226.6	237.0	250.5	292.8
October	163.4	186.4	231.7	251.4	290.6	336.8
November	152.1	179.3	222.9	243.2	275.5	311.0
December	168.8	193.6	222.8	242.9	272.8	305.0
Annual Average	150.6	172.4	207.3	230.1	258.1	296.9

Month	Maritimes and Quebec					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	138.9	155.8	153.9	185.3	214.0	236.0
February	134.4	150.8	153.8	183.5	206.6	195.7
March	140.0	167.6	243.9	252.2	263.8	273.3
April	166.6	177.9	218.5	237.5	281.4	291.8
May	177.5	203.1	213.7	254.7	275.6	297.9
June	185.4	218.0	236.3	273.3	260.5	292.0
July	166.6	160.4	223.0	230.6	236.8	300.0
August	154.1	178.8	213.7	233.4	264.0	277.5
September	150.8	179.3	247.8	250.5	248.0	288.7
October	159.5	169.2	252.3	259.9	286.9	344.6
November	148.6	169.3	233.3	262.9	256.6	274.3
December	170.5	181.1	236.3	270.3	275.2	323.9
Annual Average	157.7	175.9	219.0	241.2	255.8	283.0

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Tobacco and Confectionery (Concl'd.)

Month	Ontario					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	118.5	137.9	161.3	182.9	235.9	257.4
February	120.1	136.0	162.2	189.6	221.5	244.3
March	137.0	152.6	209.7	210.7	246.7	260.5
April	149.5	161.3	174.7	199.2	238.2	280.1
May	159.8	173.7	225.5	267.0	308.9	361.4
June	151.5	205.6	212.6	239.4	266.7	296.3
July	156.9	163.0	211.7	221.4	260.6	305.4
August	162.6	179.3	210.1	242.0	276.8	322.7
September	158.3	196.9	220.1	232.0	251.3	294.5
October	161.9	193.3	213.8	237.7	274.3	314.6
November	154.5	186.2	213.9	232.3	279.5	300.2
December	169.7	198.4	212.1	235.4	262.9	296.0
Annual Average	150.0	173.7	202.3	224.1	260.3	294.5

Month	Western Provinces					
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	111.2	130.0	149.4	181.7	203.7	246.7
February	112.5	127.5	153.9	187.8	200.9	221.4
March	123.4	140.1	209.9	213.7	229.7	265.8
April	128.5	146.0	171.3	196.3	205.5	275.0
May	138.7	155.1	163.9	227.8	244.7	306.4
June	137.9	178.9	196.6	230.6	250.0	288.3
July	141.1	170.9	199.8	212.2	246.6	313.9
August	141.3	145.7	200.8	226.1	246.7	297.5
September	142.9	164.0	211.4	224.5	238.2	278.5
October	156.6	179.3	217.0	235.0	277.5	320.2
November	152.8	180.8	225.8	242.1	274.6	333.9
December	164.7	200.4	225.9	227.9	269.6	292.0
Annual Average	137.6	159.9	193.8	217.1	240.7	286.6

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE INVENTORIES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Grocery Trade

Month	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	135.9	151.4	132.4	146.8	143.3	137.4
February	135.0	152.9	131.0	145.4	146.3	135.9
March	129.1	153.4	128.0	151.8	155.1	152.3
April	137.9	149.7	129.4	152.4	154.5	148.9
May	132.1	138.6	120.6	138.7	134.5	138.4
June	123.7	134.7	114.2	130.5	129.2	134.8
July	127.7	125.3	111.4	123.2	114.6	130.0
August	132.3	121.8	117.1	125.5	111.6	132.7
September	151.5	130.7	128.5	138.8	123.8	156.0
October	156.9	127.9	127.2	136.5	121.5	159.5
November	172.8	145.5	148.1	154.3	137.5	186.7
December	151.3	137.0	146.6	144.7	134.1	192.3

Dry Goods Trade

Month	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
January	119.8	127.3	113.2	97.7	93.2	85.4
February	124.2	130.7	112.0	100.5	95.2	87.3
March	130.9	135.9	108.6	100.8	95.5	90.2
April	121.5	127.6	102.6	96.1	93.7	93.8
May	117.3	125.6	99.2	103.1	96.3	99.0
June	113.0	124.4	100.4	105.9	96.7	103.1
July	132.1	132.4	104.2	110.6	102.4	107.4
August	126.5	121.9	95.9	97.7	88.4	94.1
September	120.1	112.5	94.3	93.0	81.1	89.1
October	125.0	119.5	102.3	99.9	83.7	103.5
November	106.1	109.7	95.9	94.7	80.1	104.8
December	113.3	115.7	100.9	94.3	87.3	106.3

STOCK SALES RATIO*

Chart 1

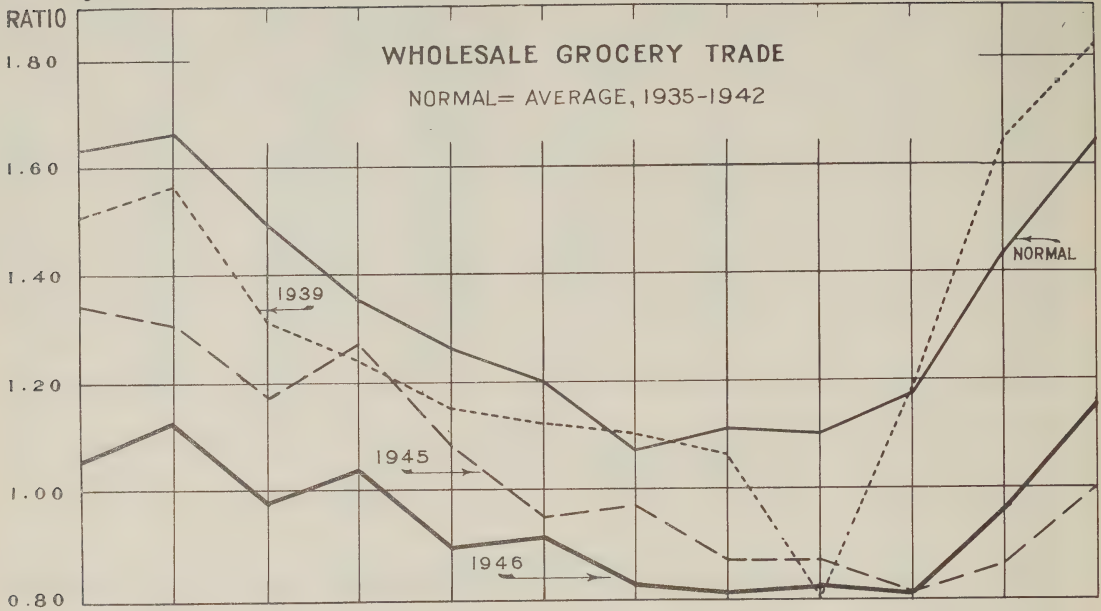
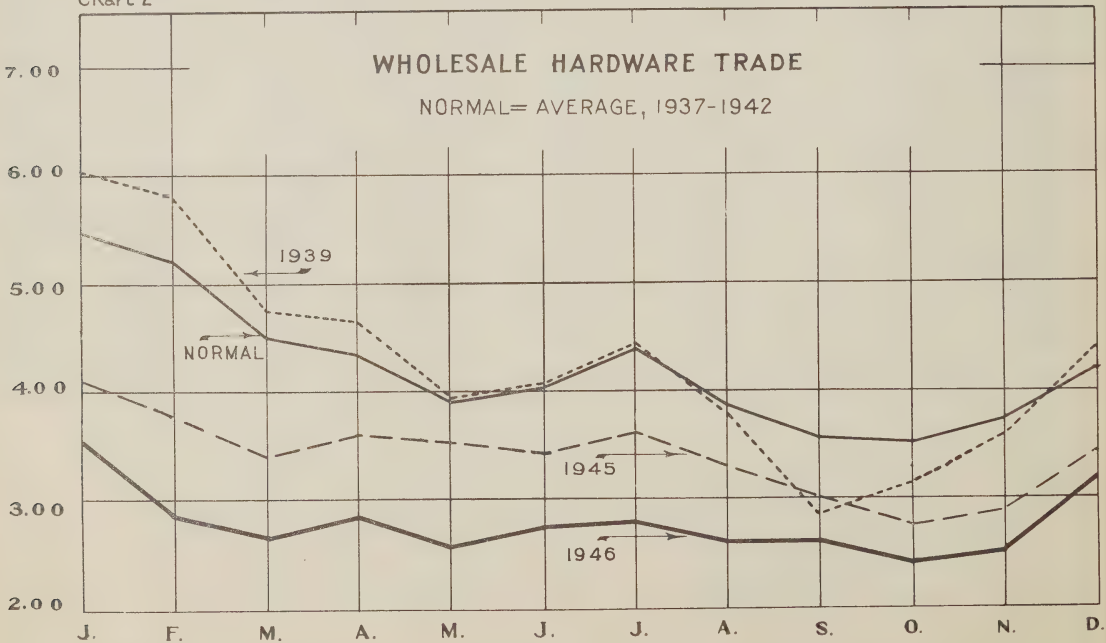


Chart 2



* Ratios that stocks on hand at beginning of month bear to sales in that month.

STOCK SALES RATIO*

Chart 3

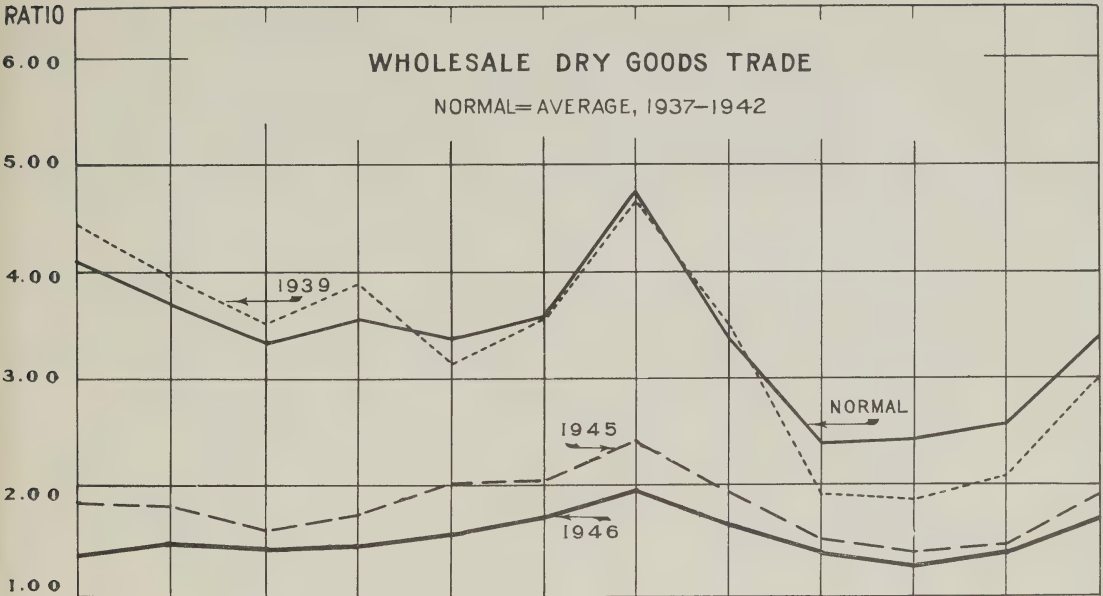
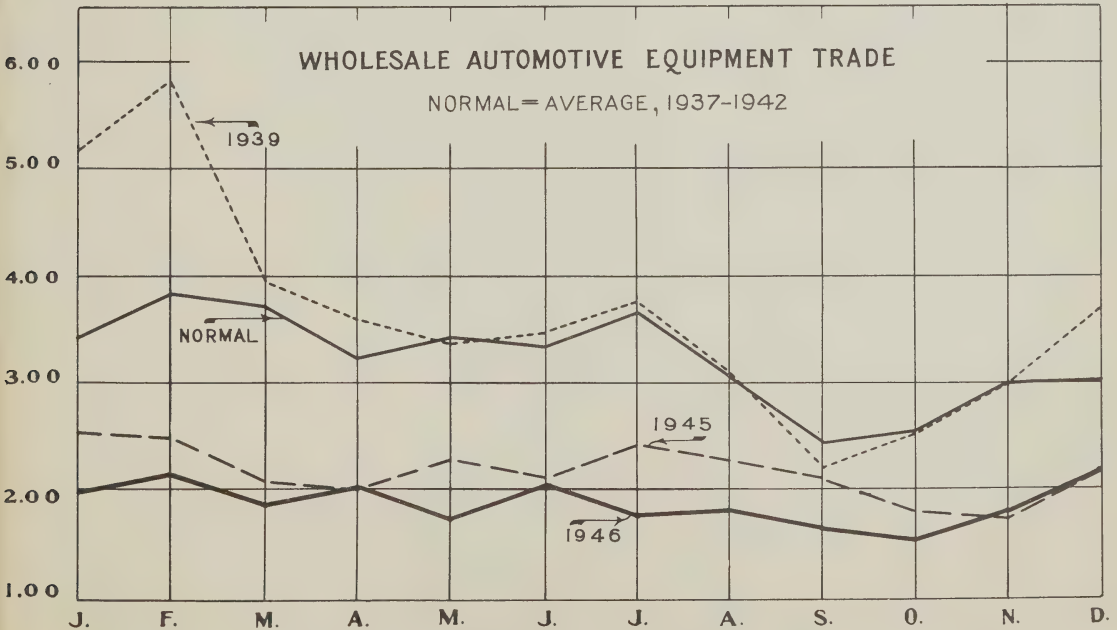


Chart 4



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Monthly Indexes of Wholesale Sales, 1941-1947

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Introduction

This bulletin is issued as a supplement to the monthly series of reports on wholesale trade and brings together in convenient form for reference purposes the complete series of index numbers from 1941 to 1947 inclusive. Monthly index numbers for nine different kinds of wholesale trade are now available covering the thirteen-year period from 1935 to 1947. These index numbers are computed from monthly statements submitted to the Bureau by some 415 firms representing nine lines of trade. Sales of these 415 firms formed approximately 68% of the total volume of business of all wholesale merchants in the same nine kinds of business in the Census year, 1941.

Not all of the 415 firms are able to provide month-end inventory figures with the result that the inventory indexes and percentage changes are based on a somewhat smaller sample.

Index numbers shown in this bulletin for 1947 have been revised slightly in some instances from those contained in the monthly series to provide for changes caused by the inclusion of reports received too late to be included in the monthly series.

In addition to the monthly indexes of sales, a table is included showing the percentage changes in dollar volume of sales between the years 1946 and 1947, and between 1941 and 1947. This table also gives the percentage changes in year-end stocks for each trade. Inventory comparisons for each month are shown in the monthly bulletins. Indexes of inventories for the grocery and dry goods trades are shown in this bulletin and stocks-sales ratios for four selected trades are presented in chart form.

It should be pointed out that the indexes of wholesale sales are based on returns secured from regular wholesale merchants only. Agents, brokers and commission houses are excluded. The survey is further restricted to those firms engaged chiefly in servicing the retail trades and includes only the following kinds of business: automotive supply and equipment, drugs, clothing, footwear, dry goods, fruits and vegetables, groceries, hardware, and tobacco and confectionery. Since manufacturing firms are not included, the indexes do not reflect the trend in business

transacted directly between manufacturers and the retail trades.

Sales Trends

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada in 1947, measured by the composite index of sales in the nine lines of trade for which figures are available, was 11.5% higher than in 1946, 91.5% higher than in 1941, and 172% above the base period, 1935 to 1939. The average index for the twelve months of 1947 (on the base, 1935 - 1939 = 100) was 272.0 compared with 244.0 for 1946 and 142.0 for 1941.

On a regional basis, the greatest increase in dollar volume of wholesale trade was registered in British Columbia, where sales were 16% above 1946. Sales in Quebec and Ontario were up 14% and 12% respectively, while the Maritimes and Prairies followed with increases of 10% and 7%. The average general indexes for each of the regions in 1947 were as follows: Maritime Provinces, 282.3; Quebec, 255.5; Ontario, 275.8; Prairie Provinces, 261.1; British Columbia, 314.6.

Among the individual kinds of business, those trades in which increases had been less pronounced between 1941 and 1946 registered the greatest advances in 1947 over 1946, whereas those which had experienced a greater expansion during this period showed a tendency in sales increases to taper off. The dry goods trade, which had lagged behind the other trades during the war period, showed the greatest gain in 1947 with an advance of 24% over 1946. Hardware and grocery wholesalers' sales increased 17%, while wholesalers of clothing and automotive equipment (parts, accessories, tires and tubes) reported sales 11% above 1946. Lesser gains of 8% and 7% were recorded by footwear and tobacco and confectionery wholesalers over the relatively high volume attained in 1946. Drug sales were 4% above the dollar volume for the previous year.

The sales volume of fruit and vegetable wholesalers continued the tendency which appeared during the latter months of 1946 and remained below the level of the previous year throughout 1947. Sales for the year averaged 6% below those for 1946.

Inventories

Year-end inventories showed substantial gains in value of stocks held by wholesalers in all nine trades compared with the end of 1946. This was a continuation of the situation which existed throughout 1947, when stocks at the end of each month in all nine trades surveyed were valued higher than at the corresponding date of the previous year. Exceptionally large increases in value of stocks on hand were reported throughout the year by wholesalers of automotive equipment and also by the dry goods and apparel trades. Grocery and hardware wholesalers also recorded substantial increases in value of inventories while more moderate gains were experienced by wholesalers of tobacco and confectionery, drugs, and fruits and vegetables.

Indexes of month-end stocks have been computed for the wholesale grocery and dry goods trades and are shown on page 25 of this bulletin.

Stocks-sales ratios. While the ratios of stocks on hand at the beginning of each month to sales during that month were still considerably below the normal level according to pre-war standards, 1947 did show an upward trend in the stocks-sales ratios. These ratios for the automotive, dry goods, groceries and hardware trades, covering the period from 1939 to 1947, are shown in chart form on pages 23 and 24 of this bulletin.

Number and Sales of Firms Reporting to Monthly Surveys
Of Wholesale Trade

	Number of firms reporting monthly	1941 Sales of firms reporting	
		Amount	Per cent of total sales, all similar firms
\$			
Total, All Trades Sampled	415	529,549,500	68.3
Maritime Provinces	43	42,122,000	58.1
Quebec.....	122	120,468,600	57.3
Ontario	142	175,075,700	68.3
Prairie Provinces	70	131,125,900	81.7
British Columbia	38	60,797,500	80.4
Automotive Equipment	43	24,642,930	44.9
Maritime Provinces and Quebec	12	4,624,952	32.6
Ontario	17	10,708,993	41.2
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia .	14	9,308,985	63.4
Drugs	20	31,676,336	68.9
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	14	23,781,088	38.6
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia .	6	7,895,248	91.3

Firms Reporting to Monthly Surveys of Wholesale Trade--(Concl'd.)

	Number of firms reporting monthly	1941 Sales of firms reporting	
		Amount	Per cent of total sales, all similar firms
		\$	
Clothing	34	11,656,051	56.1
Footwear	16	8,771,956	66.4
Dry Goods	50	47,456,609	58.0
Maritimes and Quebec	26	20,761,307	48.0
Ontario	12	16,220,637	65.0
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	12	10,474,665	77.2
Fruits and Vegetables	48	62,002,006	59.5
Maritimes and Quebec	18	15,861,514	40.5
Ontario	18	21,233,688	67.8
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	12	24,906,804	73.8
Groceries	79	206,979,750	76.6
Maritime Provinces	17	24,383,649	62.2
Quebec	22	34,975,596	66.2
Ontario.....	22	62,684,164	80.5
Prairie Provinces	12	60,209,500	84.9
British Columbia	6	24,726,841	84.7
Hardware	54	87,933,018	81.2
Maritime Provinces	8	5,117,863	49.2
Quebec	17	22,361,153	80.6
Ontario	16	21,120,750	79.4
Prairie Provinces and British Columbia	13	39,333,252	90.4
Tobacco and Confectionery	71	48,430,813	63.5

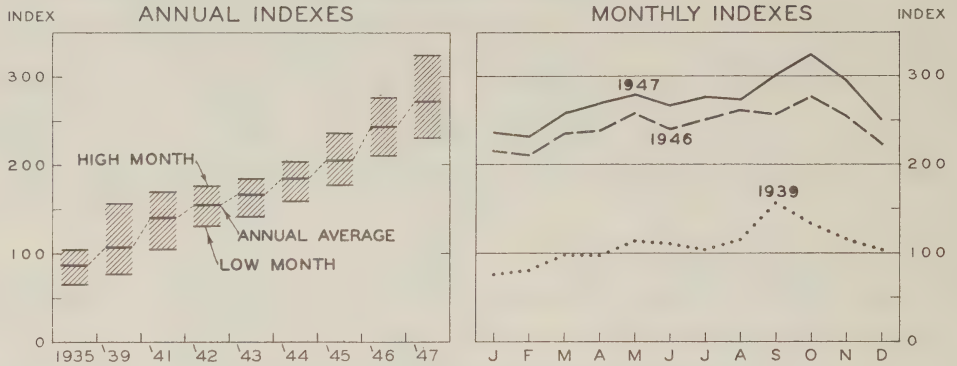
Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade

Trade and Region	Percentage Change		
	S a l e s		Inventory
	1947	1947	December,
	1946	1941	1947 December, 1946
Automotive Equipment	+10.7	+134.3	+37.6
Maritimes and Quebec	+15.3	+158.3	
Ontario	+16.4	+116.1	
Western Provinces	+ 3.8	+145.7	
Drugs	+ 3.8	+ 75.3	+ 6.6
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario .	+ 4.2	+ 71.0	
Western Provinces	+ 2.4	+ 87.9	
Clothing	+11.4	+ 78.9	+ 9.3
Footwear	+ 7.7	+112.4	+33.1
Dry Goods	+23.8	+ 72.4	+42.0
Maritimes and Quebec	+23.6	+ 62.9	
Ontario	+27.9	+ 78.7	
Western Provinces	+18.5	+ 82.3	
Fruits and Vegetables	- 5.7	+109.4	- 8.8
Maritimes and Quebec	- 3.1	+ 92.0	
Ontario	- 7.7	+ 88.5	
Western Provinces	- 8.1	+137.8	
Groceries	+16.9	+ 81.3	+16.0
Maritimes	+13.3	+ 85.2	
Quebec	+15.8	+ 67.7	
Ontario	+18.7	+ 94.6	
Prairies	+14.7	+ 68.3	
British Columbia	+22.4	+ 95.5	
Hardware	+17.2	+ 96.7	+19.7
Maritimes	+18.2	+ 98.0	
Quebec	+19.2	+ 83.9	
Ontario	+20.1	+ 82.3	
Western Provinces	+14.7	+111.8	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 6.8	+110.6	+25.1
Maritimes and Quebec	+15.0	+106.3	
Ontario	+ 5.2	+106.5	
Western Provinces	+ 5.1	+118.9	
Wholesale Trade --			
Maritimes	+ 9.6	+ 84.9	
Quebec	+14.4	+ 82.0	
Ontario	+12.2	+ 91.3	
Prairies	+ 7.2	+ 97.4	
British Columbia	+15.7	+103.0	
CANADA.....	+11.5	+ 91.5	+20.1

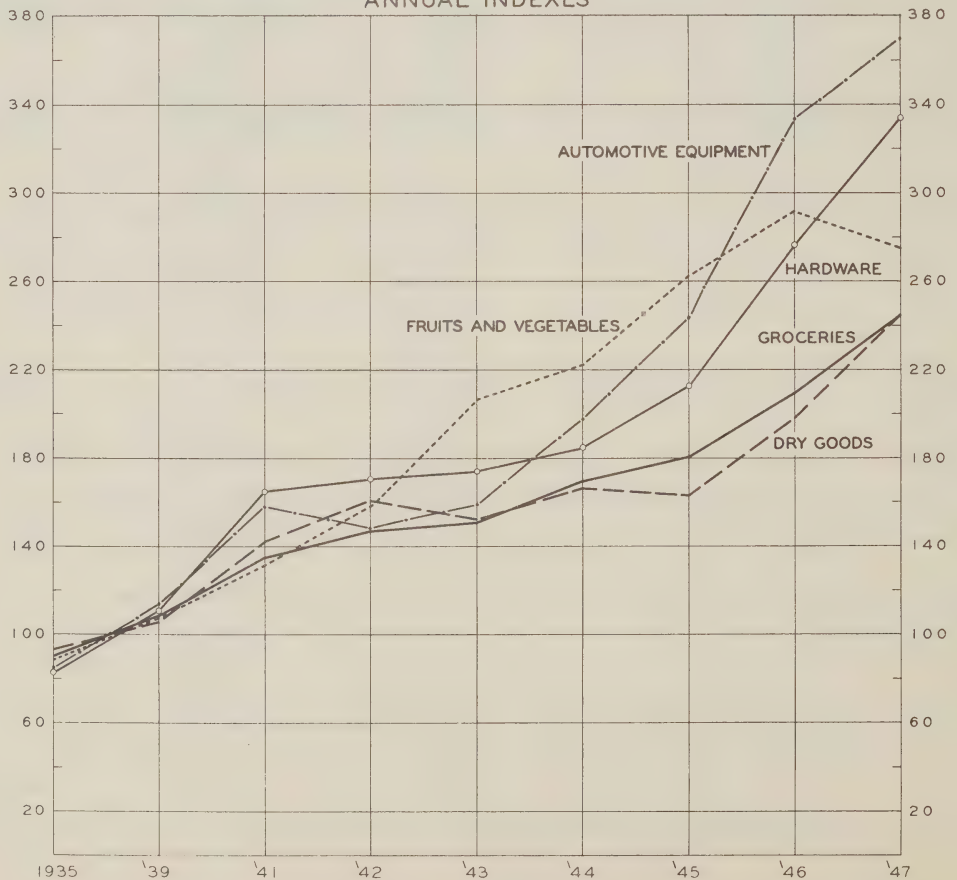
INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES

(1935-1939=100)

WHOLESALE TRADE



SELECTED WHOLESALE TRADES



INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(average for 1935-1939 = 100)

General Index

Month	Canada						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	106.2	132.5	142.2	159.5	182.6	217.3	237.3
February	110.6	136.4	148.5	168.7	178.3	210.2	231.2
March	125.1	156.2	175.9	190.7	201.4	234.2	257.2
April	141.6	155.3	165.4	173.7	197.3	238.5	269.0
May	148.6	159.3	165.4	195.2	205.9	259.8	280.1
June	140.6	167.5	175.4	190.0	206.9	241.5	267.3
July	148.1	156.5	174.3	180.4	204.9	250.8	276.9
August	158.1	160.0	175.0	201.1	218.4	262.7	272.2
September	169.7	177.3	184.6	203.6	215.8	257.2	301.7
October	170.5	172.4	176.5	202.4	237.2	276.8	325.5
November	147.4	153.9	172.2	195.3	221.5	257.2	295.0
December	137.4	147.4	164.1	171.5	194.7	222.2	251.1
Annual Average	142.0	156.2	168.3	186.0	205.4	244.0	272.0

Month	Maritimes						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	111.5	134.0	140.8	176.8	202.8	232.0	236.4
February	112.6	133.7	145.5	174.3	197.4	201.1	218.0
March	132.7	163.0	186.1	214.2	219.6	234.8	255.0
April	149.9	166.8	182.5	201.5	226.1	245.8	291.0
May	156.2	178.7	191.2	237.9	253.5	287.6	297.4
June	148.3	192.0	208.7	226.0	250.6	258.9	265.9
July	170.5	177.8	211.2	212.7	240.6	281.5	298.7
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October	190.2	193.2	211.0	250.0	277.3	296.4	360.7
November	168.1	178.9	212.7	245.9	257.5	280.4	314.9
December	144.9	152.3	189.9	201.1	217.0	237.4	257.1
Annual Average	152.7	169.7	190.7	217.0	235.0	257.6	282.3

Month	Quebec						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	94.9	119.1	136.5	149.1	164.8	185.6	206.2
February	108.2	133.7	150.7	164.4	170.6	197.6	218.9
March	122.6	164.7	176.7	185.7	195.2	224.3	251.0
April	140.5	160.0	166.4	165.2	194.4	223.2	257.1
May	148.4	164.4	161.9	183.1	187.1	225.5	262.9
June	141.8	170.4	162.2	180.0	184.0	206.4	245.4
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October	180.1	173.6	180.2	209.8	233.7	272.7	322.1
November	156.3	152.2	173.1	194.9	210.1	246.9	290.1
December	132.4	130.3	155.7	163.5	182.8	214.8	241.4
Annual Average	140.4	152.9	161.7	176.9	191.5	223.4	255.5

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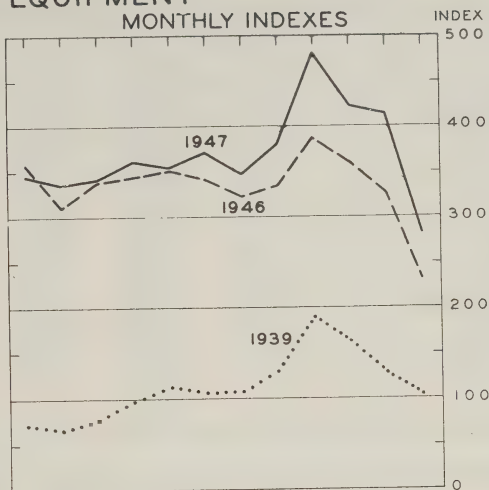
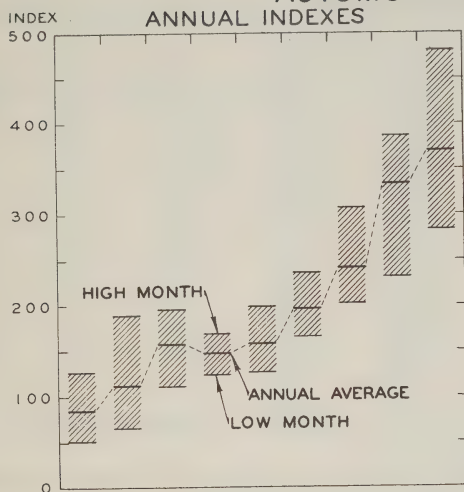
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	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	114.3	144.2	149.7	161.5	189.8	231.7	251.6
February	112.9	139.0	149.8	165.8	181.4	211.9	238.8
March	131.0	158.0	175.2	191.0	202.7	237.4	251.9
April	146.8	158.4	167.0	172.8	202.2	245.5	275.0
May	156.6	164.4	169.8	198.2	215.4	272.3	292.7
June	147.1	174.5	176.1	190.5	210.5	243.3	272.0
July	148.0	152.4	168.9	176.3	201.2	249.3	279.2
August	153.7	156.2	164.8	195.1	212.9	257.6	266.4
September	169.6	176.0	177.6	193.8	208.1	253.5	296.6
October	166.1	167.1	167.8	194.3	231.8	267.3	326.9
November	142.8	148.7	164.5	189.3	224.1	251.0	292.2
December	141.5	149.6	160.4	174.7	202.8	229.8	266.6
Annual Average	144.2	157.4	166.0	183.6	206.9	245.9	275.8

Month	Prairies						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	98.1	122.3	127.1	152.4	171.8	206.7	231.3
February	100.6	124.2	134.3	161.8	167.6	204.1	220.2
March	112.1	138.9	162.0	180.8	191.5	230.2	252.8
April	130.1	140.1	151.2	168.3	179.7	233.3	252.0
May	134.6	140.1	149.8	186.5	193.6	260.2	267.5
June	128.0	142.8	164.5	183.1	194.1	243.8	250.6
July	146.0	156.5	177.2	190.7	208.2	263.8	282.5
August	162.0	161.2	189.1	220.7	230.6	285.7	287.7
September	161.8	175.9	190.1	213.7	228.9	268.3	301.8
October	153.4	164.3	170.2	194.9	229.8	276.9	297.7
November	135.8	146.4	165.3	190.6	214.2	257.9	281.1
December	125.3	137.5	158.3	163.9	168.2	191.9	207.8
Annual Average	132.3	145.9	161.6	183.1	198.2	243.6	261.1

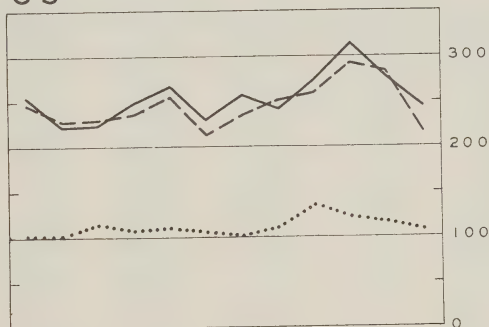
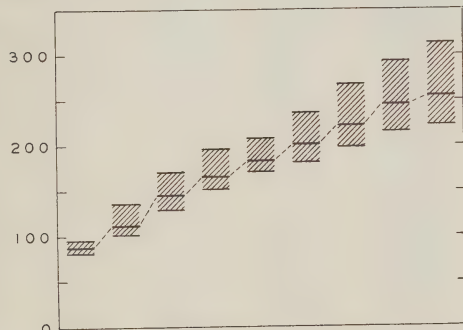
Month	British Columbia						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	120.4	148.1	168.4	179.3	208.2	252.1	271.0
February	126.6	159.6	170.6	191.4	197.0	242.5	260.4
March	137.6	169.5	201.7	205.3	219.3	250.9	293.6
April	152.3	167.4	184.0	189.2	215.1	259.0	305.9
May	160.9	174.4	188.5	213.2	224.9	286.7	311.9
June	148.0	188.3	209.2	209.8	236.7	279.5	330.1
July	161.7	185.6	206.6	199.0	233.6	279.9	322.7
August	166.0	167.3	195.1	202.5	231.7	283.8	306.8
September	172.9	184.1	200.9	200.9	221.6	266.8	330.6
October	192.4	191.1	187.5	198.8	250.7	298.1	372.6
November	162.4	180.3	190.4	200.7	238.4	288.7	345.6
December	158.2	194.9	187.1	198.3	241.1	275.1	323.5
Annual Average	155.0	175.9	190.8	199.0	226.5	271.9	314.6

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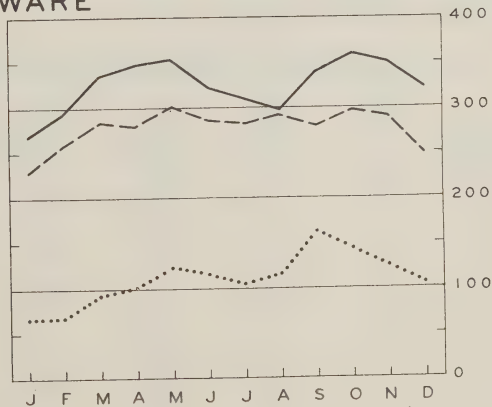
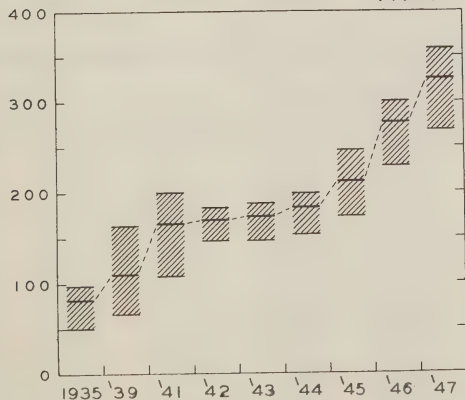
AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT



DRUGS



HARDWARE



INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES---(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Automotive Equipment Trade

Month	Canada						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	117.7	165.3	127.9	170.2	203.6	358.7	346.5
February	111.1	164.0	130.2	183.7	210.2	310.9	335.2
March	124.3	163.3	137.5	183.3	235.4	338.3	341.3
April	161.6	151.4	142.3	180.0	238.0	344.4	360.9
May	160.8	135.7	151.3	195.2	213.5	350.1	354.3
June	160.2	124.3	167.9	202.3	235.3	341.7	370.1
July	172.0	127.1	162.2	194.5	228.3	322.4	348.2
August	174.2	140.8	186.0	222.3	254.3	334.2	379.0
September	196.4	169.1	199.2	237.0	293.6	387.6	481.8
October	189.1	157.5	182.4	222.0	308.6	360.8	423.6
November	161.8	146.3	169.4	208.9	290.8	327.4	413.8
December	163.9	126.9	141.1	166.8	202.0	231.9	283.4
Annual Average	157.8	147.6	158.1	197.2	242.8	334.0	369.8

Month	Maritimes and Quebec						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	109.4	131.3	112.5	149.0	187.9	326.0	335.8
February	98.4	180.8	134.3	199.4	255.8	354.0	428.7
March	130.4	204.6	138.3	179.9	244.5	339.1	373.0
April	166.0	151.6	130.1	182.3	260.1	337.3	411.5
May	181.4	174.9	184.5	262.7	296.9	433.8	457.2
June	165.1	142.2	171.5	235.0	280.4	380.2	415.6
July	184.6	148.8	165.6	210.0	281.8	408.3	391.6
August	184.0	144.6	183.5	248.8	309.0	368.9	450.4
September	193.1	168.2	201.2	264.8	300.3	371.8	491.9
October	208.4	181.3	209.9	266.6	399.4	415.8	498.5
November	172.8	155.2	190.0	229.9	355.9	362.0	457.6
December	190.4	139.0	184.0	175.0	289.1	347.2	411.4
Annual Average	165.3	160.2	167.1	217.0	288.4	370.4	426.9

Month	Ontario						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	140.1	206.2	136.5	158.2	198.9	336.3	358.5
February	120.3	155.3	117.3	159.2	167.3	263.7	314.1
March	138.6	164.0	132.0	163.2	203.5	318.3	297.6
April	171.8	154.6	132.5	145.8	202.2	291.0	308.8
May	168.1	132.8	122.7	158.7	168.5	265.1	304.1
June	159.3	123.9	144.6	167.9	192.6	292.0	338.4
July	179.6	126.4	148.5	161.7	192.9	302.5	365.4
August	157.5	119.9	142.4	166.5	197.0	288.8	332.1
September	191.5	150.1	172.3	207.1	239.4	358.4	460.9
October	176.9	133.2	143.2	187.4	249.1	332.3	412.4
November	163.4	127.6	144.2	175.5	247.1	298.7	381.1
December	166.8	118.1	127.5	150.3	189.2	243.5	307.5
Annual Average	161.2	142.7	138.6	166.8	204.0	299.2	348.4

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Automotive Equipment Trade (Concl'd)

Month	Western Provinces						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	101.6	146.6	130.2	196.0	220.5	404.0	349.5
February	108.2	163.7	140.5	200.8	233.1	339.2	318.5
March	108.8	145.9	143.9	205.5	263.5	360.7	372.6
April	150.8	149.9	160.4	216.4	267.5	406.1	396.8
May	149.3	127.8	175.5	215.9	237.9	413.9	372.9
June	160.4	118.1	194.3	228.1	265.1	383.9	390.8
July	158.0	118.0	175.0	221.6	241.3	307.4	316.3
August	179.9	155.4	226.3	260.7	280.5	353.7	382.7
September	192.6	179.9	215.0	242.5	329.1	404.5	475.7
October	177.7	161.0	199.2	223.1	311.7	340.7	372.4
November	153.8	162.4	187.4	235.7	310.2	342.8	429.9
December	159.4	139.8	146.4	191.8	203.3	203.7	244.8
Annual Average	150.0	147.4	174.5	219.8	263.6	355.1	368.6

Drug Trade

Month	Canada						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	142.7	160.5	172.7	197.9	216.9	247.0	254.7
February	129.8	152.1	172.0	195.4	202.6	227.7	221.1
March	131.3	155.5	186.1	200.4	209.4	228.9	223.4
April	141.9	174.3	185.6	193.0	220.0	235.8	248.8
May	140.6	155.4	173.4	205.0	222.0	253.5	266.7
June	133.2	158.8	174.0	184.8	210.5	213.9	230.8
July	140.5	156.4	178.0	181.7	208.0	234.4	256.0
August	147.3	161.6	173.1	202.4	223.2	250.9	241.9
September	160.8	182.2	197.9	207.0	227.1	258.4	273.9
October	170.8	196.4	207.8	236.7	268.2	292.1	313.4
November	154.9	178.4	200.5	231.8	259.4	284.3	278.3
December	148.6	156.2	189.2	186.7	198.3	215.8	245.6
Annual Average	145.2	165.7	184.2	201.9	222.1	245.2	254.6

Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario

Month	Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	145.8	163.9	173.6	197.2	213.8	244.6	245.8
February	131.6	154.1	173.2	193.1	200.4	223.0	216.5
March	132.5	154.5	181.2	196.2	206.0	224.3	218.9
April	143.7	174.6	184.2	191.6	217.5	226.9	240.5
May	141.1	155.9	172.9	207.8	225.0	252.0	266.4
June	134.4	159.5	171.0	181.1	205.4	200.3	221.3
July	140.1	155.4	174.4	174.7	203.0	227.6	248.1
August	148.2	161.4	170.3	200.8	222.7	243.9	229.0
September	162.9	186.5	199.2	217.9	236.6	267.8	285.2
October	174.0	197.3	207.0	236.0	264.1	285.0	313.2
November	156.2	180.6	199.4	234.7	256.3	277.3	272.6
December	149.5	156.4	192.4	190.3	199.2	215.1	253.0
Annual Average	146.7	166.7	183.2	201.8	220.8	240.7	250.9

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Drug Trade (Concl'd)

Month	Western Provinces						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	132.3	149.6	168.0	200.1	225.7	254.8	278.8
February	126.0	147.9	170.2	204.4	211.6	244.8	237.2
March	127.4	158.1	200.3	212.3	218.9	242.1	236.3
April	134.0	169.6	185.4	192.4	222.0	255.7	266.4
May	138.6	153.2	174.3	196.8	212.9	256.1	265.8
June	128.5	155.0	180.9	193.7	223.3	251.4	254.9
July	140.9	158.1	187.3	201.2	221.3	253.2	278.3
August	143.3	160.8	179.3	205.1	222.7	268.6	276.1
September	159.6	175.1	200.3	180.5	203.6	235.6	246.7
October	159.3	191.5	208.0	236.3	277.7	309.9	310.8
November	151.1	172.3	203.5	223.9	268.7	305.2	295.1
December	145.8	156.0	180.6	176.8	196.2	218.2	224.5
Annual Average	140.6	162.3	186.5	202.0	225.4	258.0	264.2

Hardware Trade

Month	Canada						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	108.0	147.1	149.2	153.1	173.0	228.5	268.7
February	118.3	156.0	155.5	176.6	188.3	257.8	293.1
March	142.2	178.7	188.2	195.9	217.8	283.8	335.5
April	166.0	183.8	184.0	178.5	212.8	279.0	348.5
May	175.9	179.1	182.5	196.2	205.4	300.1	352.3
June	166.5	181.0	184.6	192.5	211.2	286.8	322.1
July	175.9	181.4	179.9	175.6	203.5	281.8	310.5
August	177.2	167.1	174.6	191.2	218.9	292.5	297.8
September	196.2	177.8	181.0	198.6	228.6	280.9	339.6
October	200.2	173.2	173.5	193.1	246.6	297.2	359.6
November	181.3	167.5	176.5	197.9	236.5	290.7	350.6
December	175.0	147.2	147.6	156.5	201.6	249.4	321.2
Annual Average	165.2	170.0	173.1	183.8	212.0	277.4	325.0

Month	Maritime Provinces						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	100.8	135.8	108.5	135.7	145.3	176.5	211.6
February	91.4	119.2	118.6	135.1	146.3	193.7	215.0
March	117.0	165.4	146.9	194.5	195.1	229.8	297.8
April	159.4	189.8	174.0	201.3	222.4	271.1	341.0
May	164.9	171.5	184.9	213.9	200.0	297.6	338.7
June	156.0	181.4	190.8	204.5	208.0	292.4	313.7
July	146.9	162.0	167.0	167.8	192.8	257.2	279.1
August	160.6	157.2	174.5	176.8	208.8	268.5	281.4
September	210.1	188.5	186.8	237.4	242.4	294.8	371.2
October	193.6	176.2	198.6	245.1	259.8	311.8	393.8
November	172.0	152.2	166.4	214.3	222.9	246.3	308.9
December	145.3	113.0	131.5	134.5	163.4	206.5	247.2
Annual Average	151.5	159.4	162.4	188.4	200.6	253.9	300.0

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Hardware Trade (Concl'd)

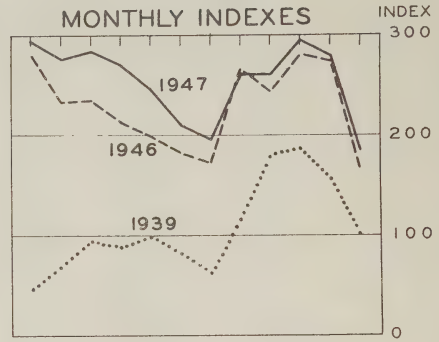
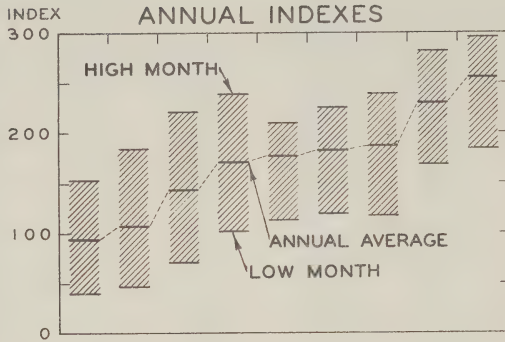
Month	Quebec						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	110.2	151.1	153.4	159.1	183.8	239.9	279.0
February	101.7	131.1	140.4	149.0	167.6	221.9	257.2
March	133.6	170.7	173.9	175.3	204.9	267.6	305.6
April	163.5	180.2	168.7	155.4	203.3	253.3	301.9
May	174.6	177.7	163.1	181.2	187.9	243.5	295.6
June	171.6	184.1	167.0	193.1	201.8	262.9	294.4
July	176.7	181.8	158.9	156.4	190.0	247.8	272.1
August	181.3	168.2	162.0	190.8	218.5	265.0	296.8
September	215.0	190.1	177.6	215.1	235.7	279.8	346.4
October	204.6	183.3	169.2	203.2	247.7	270.0	349.9
November	191.0	170.6	181.5	209.6	233.5	277.9	353.5
December	163.2	127.8	143.9	147.9	186.1	234.9	301.8
Annual Average	165.6	168.1	163.3	178.0	205.1	255.4	304.5

Month	Ontario						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	129.0	171.4	127.2	129.5	138.8	195.0	249.6
February	121.3	160.7	129.0	146.8	156.9	239.6	280.3
March	154.2	183.2	164.0	186.0	196.2	273.9	314.4
April	180.0	188.8	174.3	159.1	205.2	282.4	333.8
May	195.1	187.7	166.7	185.4	192.4	309.2	361.5
June	189.2	188.3	166.8	186.0	209.4	290.0	345.1
July	171.0	165.0	158.6	147.1	166.2	254.8	299.9
August	157.3	136.9	125.7	150.5	172.6	234.9	245.9
September	208.8	170.8	168.4	179.7	217.1	277.9	347.7
October	204.7	147.0	153.5	173.9	227.1	272.1	354.5
November	183.4	145.3	153.4	175.9	224.4	276.7	345.0
December	198.0	140.6	132.7	149.6	203.3	269.2	336.0
Annual Average	174.3	165.5	150.0	164.1	192.5	264.6	317.8

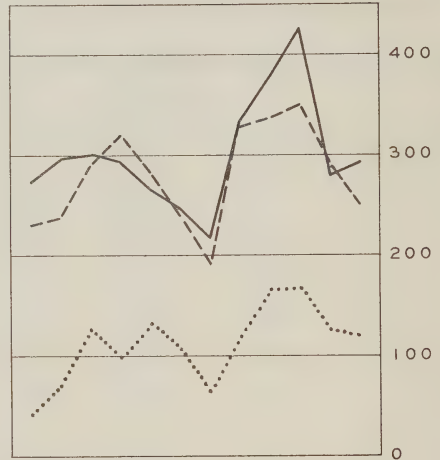
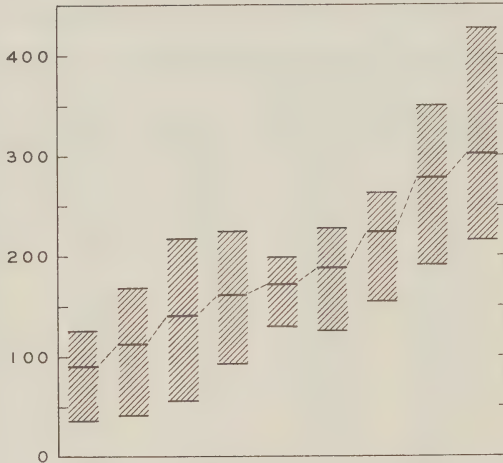
Month	Western Provinces						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	99.6	137.6	171.9	172.6	198.8	259.2	293.7
February	124.1	165.2	174.6	204.1	212.3	283.0	315.8
March	139.2	175.9	204.7	204.1	223.2	292.5	352.5
April	159.9	181.0	196.2	196.0	218.5	289.5	378.4
May	172.1	180.2	205.6	212.6	227.5	337.2	391.2
June	158.7	180.9	208.2	200.1	224.7	307.4	337.5
July	180.1	190.5	215.1	202.0	231.5	316.9	339.7
August	178.9	175.7	199.6	206.0	235.0	327.8	313.4
September	185.5	179.4	194.3	202.3	237.3	291.9	342.1
October	195.4	180.2	182.2	190.4	252.5	320.7	360.1
November	175.9	178.5	186.2	200.4	244.7	308.6	355.8
December	171.2	161.8	155.7	164.0	209.9	248.7	328.0
Annual Average	161.7	173.9	191.2	196.2	226.8	298.6	342.4

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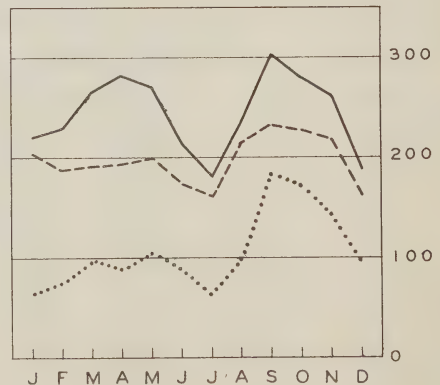
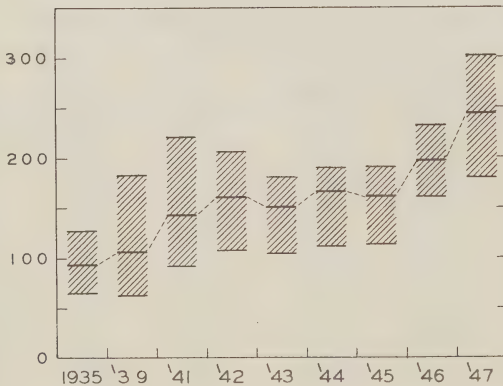
CLOTHING



FOOTWEAR



DRY GOODS



INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Clothing Trade							
Month	Canada						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	71.4	101.8	186.0	225.2	231.5	281.5	294.7
February	100.0	139.9	205.1	222.5	209.6	233.7	277.2
March	118.4	170.0	199.9	209.7	223.3	235.6	284.1
April	138.7	170.6	195.2	172.6	182.8	213.7	270.3
May	134.9	169.4	161.6	165.8	148.7	199.6	247.3
June	113.7	154.6	161.4	145.3	144.7	182.3	210.9
July	103.7	134.2	146.1	140.1	146.7	172.4	196.0
August	185.3	202.7	194.8	194.4	193.2	266.2	262.7
September	216.1	239.2	209.3	183.8	199.2	243.4	261.7
October	220.4	227.9	184.4	222.8	238.6	222.3	295.6
November	182.5	203.5	173.2	194.9	200.2	273.7	279.7
December	128.4	136.5	113.0	120.0	116.9	167.3	184.9
Annual Average	142.8	170.9	177.5	183.1	186.3	229.3	255.4

Footwear Trade							
Month	Canada						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	55.2	93.2	159.7	201.1	221.0	230.3	274.5
February	104.9	149.8	194.0	186.8	215.6	238.2	296.8
March	137.1	191.3	190.5	184.2	226.0	290.0	300.2
April	177.4	197.3	188.0	178.4	246.0	321.5	294.2
May	139.4	161.8	147.9	195.2	202.6	282.8	265.0
June	114.7	130.6	157.6	191.0	210.7	239.6	247.5
July	84.8	122.8	150.7	126.4	155.9	190.7	216.3
August	140.4	170.2	174.3	228.3	263.5	328.6	334.8
September	202.9	224.0	199.1	212.8	243.9	337.6	378.1
October	216.6	222.7	188.2	227.9	263.9	350.5	427.6
November	153.0	144.9	174.2	189.4	219.3	292.3	280.6
December	172.2	123.5	173.4	143.7	219.0	251.0	293.7
Annual Average	141.6	161.0	173.1	188.8	224.0	279.4	300.8

Dry Goods Trade							
Month	Canada						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	91.8	131.4	174.9	182.0	182.2	203.5	220.2
February	112.2	151.9	173.6	174.3	173.1	188.7	229.6
March	130.9	191.8	180.3	187.9	186.2	192.3	266.0
April	139.0	179.9	152.7	165.4	167.9	193.4	282.0
May	142.9	169.2	150.4	165.1	147.4	199.4	270.8
June	129.1	162.3	141.7	156.0	143.5	173.3	213.0
July	103.9	124.7	124.8	133.8	121.8	161.6	180.8
August	169.5	167.0	148.5	174.5	168.9	215.7	237.7
September	220.0	205.9	166.4	189.2	191.3	232.2	302.6
October	195.0	182.7	154.4	186.1	184.6	228.7	279.9
November	166.8	148.5	138.6	158.7	162.0	218.9	262.9
December	100.6	107.0	105.0	111.8	113.4	162.5	188.3
Annual Average	141.8	160.2	150.9	165.9	161.9	197.5	244.5

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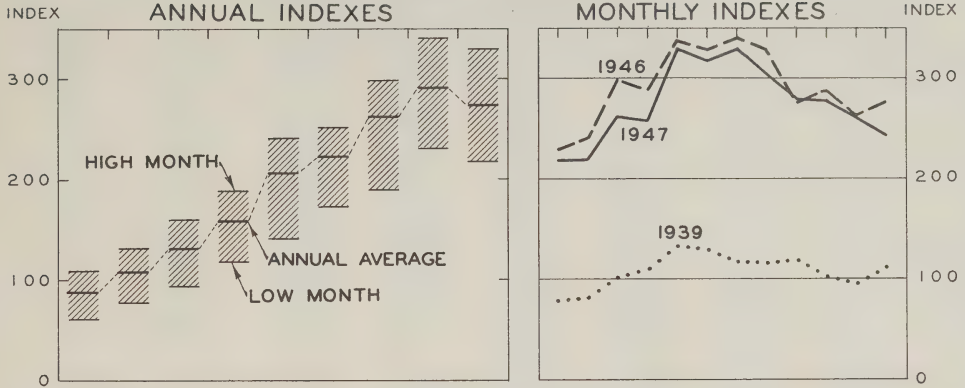
Month	Maritimes and Quebec						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	82.1	123.2	169.5	165.8	165.0	183.2	192.0
February	103.8	139.3	171.5	175.3	171.8	196.5	224.8
March	132.2	198.7	181.6	190.5	182.3	193.8	260.1
April	149.1	200.2	157.6	167.4	172.8	199.2	291.8
May	149.9	171.5	148.2	161.4	150.3	189.7	264.3
June	140.6	175.2	148.9	170.2	153.2	175.1	230.4
July	86.0	100.4	101.0	103.8	103.2	132.1	145.0
August	149.6	151.5	127.6	136.1	131.9	186.1	198.0
September	227.9	204.9	168.8	188.2	192.2	223.1	297.4
October	199.2	168.3	151.3	185.6	178.4	210.0	267.1
November	179.0	137.3	135.1	152.9	156.7	201.4	248.7
December	100.8	86.9	91.8	103.6	98.4	150.5	149.7
Annual Average	141.7	154.8	146.1	158.4	154.7	186.7	230.8

Month	Ontario						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	111.0	163.5	195.2	204.6	204.0	241.7	257.2
February	127.8	180.5	190.2	175.9	180.6	191.8	272.0
March	136.1	196.1	173.7	182.4	189.7	194.8	294.1
April	139.2	179.3	142.5	148.6	163.3	196.8	294.0
May	153.1	187.4	159.9	170.6	150.3	216.0	287.5
June	136.2	168.1	130.8	137.1	148.9	175.1	211.5
July	122.0	133.1	116.6	143.3	129.7	177.8	200.2
August	188.8	173.5	153.9	186.2	192.2	234.3	276.2
September	231.3	209.3	163.3	183.1	187.9	239.9	313.5
October	201.0	188.1	154.2	179.5	184.0	242.7	300.7
November	178.1	154.6	140.7	165.7	166.4	243.6	295.5
December	94.9	121.5	109.0	124.4	130.2	186.8	248.6
Annual Average	151.6	171.3	152.5	166.8	168.9	211.8	270.9

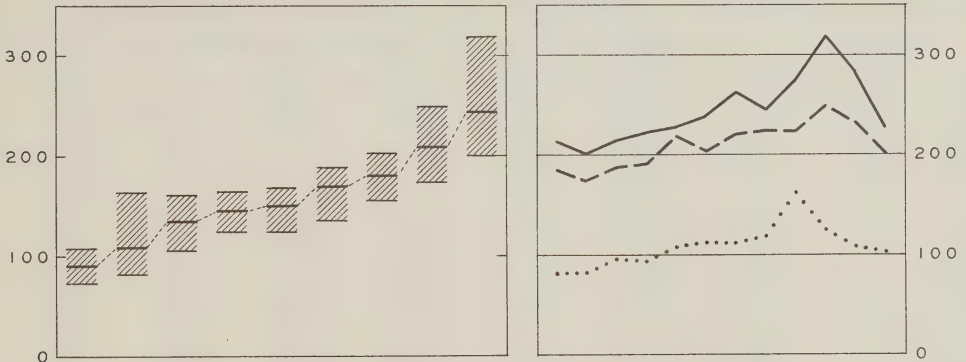
Month	Western Provinces						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	85.0	106.4	161.1	209.8	187.8	193.1	225.7
February	104.7	135.4	153.5	168.1	162.9	167.6	177.3
March	121.1	173.1	187.3	209.0	205.7	204.5	261.6
April	117.3	140.6	153.4	179.3	160.1	172.3	239.2
May	114.0	138.2	139.7	162.2	136.4	192.9	257.1
June	97.3	129.0	141.5	154.5	116.8	161.5	180.7
July	116.3	164.8	187.9	185.1	149.2	200.7	229.4
August	177.2	183.4	177.9	229.5	205.6	242.2	256.2
September	186.7	198.8	162.6	194.8	189.9	231.3	288.7
October	180.4	203.1	162.1	197.8	199.0	247.2	281.3
November	149.5	175.2	156.3	175.8	181.8	239.1	272.1
December	106.5	120.3	121.3	104.8	113.7	142.8	168.9
Annual Average	129.7	155.7	158.7	180.9	167.4	199.6	236.5

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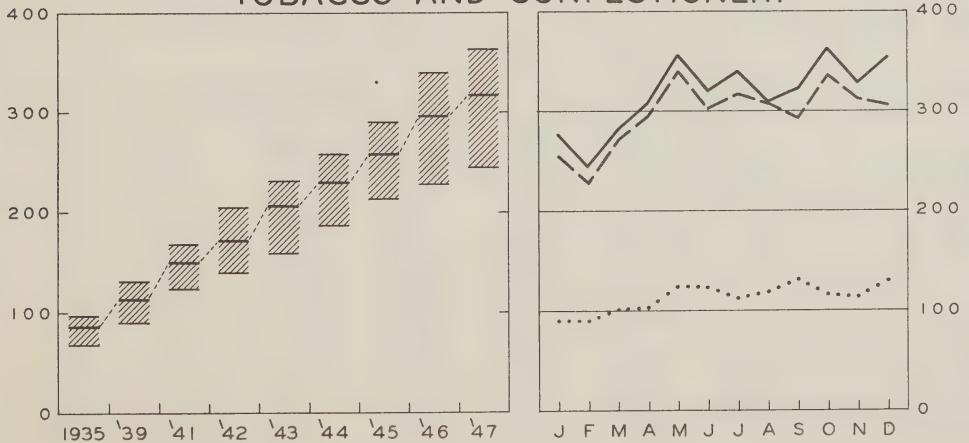
FRUITS AND VEGETABLES



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Fruits and Vegetables

Month	Canada						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	94.1	117.7	141.6	172.2	189.2	230.6	217.9
February	99.1	119.4	159.4	181.7	193.7	241.2	219.7
March	117.8	148.0	206.5	220.3	238.6	297.5	261.2
April	134.7	157.7	210.1	219.1	256.3	288.6	257.1
May	160.6	188.5	215.6	261.5	271.2	337.1	328.3
June	148.7	182.6	224.2	232.5	281.3	329.1	317.3
July	148.6	169.7	241.5	238.1	297.9	340.5	329.3
August	143.1	159.4	226.7	251.0	292.9	327.2	304.0
September	137.1	169.5	202.0	227.9	270.7	275.0	278.6
October	130.4	157.7	210.1	218.5	288.9	287.5	278.0
November	119.1	149.0	201.7	206.1	269.6	263.9	261.5
December	141.3	182.4	234.2	234.7	298.3	276.5	243.0
Annual Average	131.2	158.5	206.1	222.0	262.4	291.2	274.7

Month	Maritimes and Quebec						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	82.7	104.8	128.1	162.9	171.4	180.7	169.9
February	117.0	144.6	176.6	199.7	210.1	225.2	209.4
March	127.4	167.9	218.9	215.0	241.0	261.7	243.4
April	129.4	169.5	210.0	214.2	267.3	311.7	271.8
May	166.5	211.8	238.7	279.0	275.9	307.1	324.6
June	166.3	213.9	246.4	244.9	302.0	339.4	334.6
July	136.7	161.7	232.4	226.6	300.2	290.9	270.5
August	126.8	142.3	174.5	194.4	226.5	234.2	221.6
September	116.5	127.9	143.5	171.9	205.1	203.5	209.8
October	115.0	140.6	182.2	183.3	251.5	226.6	222.5
November	121.8	150.8	207.8	189.9	242.7	234.4	261.8
December	136.4	162.7	208.9	217.0	271.3	241.2	220.5
Annual Average	128.5	158.2	197.3	208.2	247.1	254.7	246.7

Month	Ontario						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	108.7	135.4	164.6	176.0	193.6	261.2	238.5
February	104.7	129.9	168.2	178.3	192.9	245.9	220.8
March	130.4	162.5	209.5	226.1	244.4	321.1	259.8
April	150.3	170.6	212.2	216.2	252.1	324.7	294.2
May	184.9	211.3	212.8	256.0	272.6	342.7	329.0
June	155.5	187.4	227.7	223.8	273.3	304.2	306.6
July	156.6	164.6	223.7	219.0	279.2	330.0	326.4
August	137.5	138.2	189.9	218.2	264.0	278.8	278.2
September	133.0	147.2	179.6	201.7	256.6	237.9	259.8
October	135.5	147.6	181.7	202.8	272.4	254.4	255.7
November	122.5	144.8	192.1	193.8	286.0	249.4	251.1
December	155.9	187.9	218.0	230.9	302.9	268.4	237.0
Annual Average	139.6	160.6	198.3	211.9	257.5	284.9	263.1

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Fruits and Vegetables (Concl'd.)

Month	Western Provinces						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	82.4	102.7	121.0	163.1	185.1	220.8	218.2
February	83.8	96.5	141.2	173.1	180.2	240.6	220.6
March	97.8	119.1	187.6	208.0	220.3	284.2	263.2
April	114.1	126.9	189.6	204.4	233.8	303.5	269.2
May	130.8	148.1	193.3	242.2	252.4	332.9	312.9
June	132.8	160.8	207.6	232.7	275.1	347.5	315.9
July	151.2	179.2	261.6	261.3	308.3	382.0	370.2
August	158.2	187.2	293.3	316.2	358.9	433.9	379.2
September	163.3	225.4	272.3	301.2	340.7	372.4	356.4
October	135.6	175.9	250.0	250.8	318.8	356.5	330.4
November	121.5	159.9	217.3	238.2	278.7	309.9	279.2
December	130.6	187.1	258.4	242.6	301.8	301.5	257.2
Annual Average	125.2	155.7	216.1	236.2	271.2	323.8	297.7

Grocery Trade

Month	Canada						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	106.7	127.2	124.8	135.9	165.4	185.4	213.0
February	106.4	125.6	129.5	148.9	155.9	173.7	200.3
March	117.4	141.2	153.3	171.4	170.5	187.6	215.7
April	132.4	135.0	143.4	151.6	166.6	190.1	222.6
May	137.1	142.2	143.1	172.9	187.4	218.1	228.6
June	132.3	163.3	162.0	177.9	188.8	203.1	233.8
July	151.0	155.1	158.4	168.7	186.6	220.6	262.5
August	153.8	153.2	155.8	184.6	191.1	224.9	245.6
September	157.0	165.5	168.1	188.3	179.6	223.4	275.2
October	160.9	163.0	152.4	183.0	203.1	248.2	318.7
November	137.0	143.7	156.6	185.6	195.8	231.2	282.8
December	124.6	143.3	155.6	163.1	171.6	200.8	227.1
Annual Average	134.7	146.5	150.3	169.3	180.2	208.9	244.2

Month	Maritime Provinces						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	117.9	140.2	145.9	180.3	210.8	236.3	250.5
February	121.2	136.4	145.9	173.0	187.4	195.6	222.0
March	136.9	159.8	182.3	218.2	215.8	227.9	254.8
April	143.9	153.0	174.6	184.7	209.6	220.9	279.4
May	149.7	176.0	182.2	217.2	236.5	255.9	266.1
June	142.3	189.8	195.7	217.8	246.8	244.8	255.6
July	178.0	173.4	194.6	206.7	231.1	275.9	305.7
August	163.3	167.9	189.7	211.5	236.9	255.9	271.5
September	167.0	176.5	200.9	228.6	207.3	247.5	301.0
October	186.2	183.6	201.4	239.9	255.0	284.1	361.9
November	163.4	173.2	211.3	242.8	243.3	274.7	324.1
December	141.1	154.9	193.5	203.8	216.8	240.2	261.8
Annual Average	150.9	165.4	184.8	210.4	224.8	246.6	279.5

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Grocery Trade (Cont'd.)

Month	Quebec						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	86.7	99.9	108.3	110.5	134.3	144.5	162.4
February	95.6	108.5	118.7	133.2	129.1	150.0	159.5
March	99.8	133.4	140.9	150.3	143.7	163.1	184.6
April	120.2	123.7	143.1	135.9	150.4	170.4	188.3
May	135.5	141.2	144.9	157.5	169.3	198.8	215.3
June	126.8	161.9	144.6	157.5	169.8	165.6	213.3
July	155.0	149.0	146.0	150.4	167.1	198.7	240.4
August	149.1	148.5	142.6	166.7	171.4	202.8	207.5
September	161.3	169.7	157.5	181.0	165.4	212.7	265.4
October	177.7	173.8	158.9	197.2	204.1	256.8	309.4
November	153.3	153.6	162.4	201.1	193.9	229.8	280.1
December	117.3	126.1	145.6	157.0	161.4	191.1	220.1
Annual Average	131.5	140.8	142.8	158.2	163.3	190.4	220.5

Month	Ontario						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	104.9	127.3	128.1	136.2	174.1	199.9	232.5
February	102.4	120.5	129.7	149.7	166.9	176.2	211.6
March	119.5	138.7	156.0	175.8	175.8	190.9	212.9
April	129.6	129.9	148.6	157.2	171.3	193.4	233.8
May	134.4	135.6	146.7	173.5	197.8	227.5	244.1
June	135.6	170.0	165.1	184.7	190.6	207.8	248.1
July	144.2	148.7	163.7	172.2	187.0	220.8	266.3
August	144.0	154.2	156.2	191.7	191.7	234.1	246.0
September	154.3	167.6	165.8	181.9	171.7	226.1	265.2
October	149.5	158.8	154.4	180.3	204.3	249.2	344.4
November	126.0	139.1	154.8	187.2	202.7	232.1	295.2
December	124.1	143.6	158.2	172.3	186.8	212.2	251.2
Annual Average	130.7	144.5	152.3	171.9	185.1	214.2	254.3

Month	Prairie Provinces						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	105.2	127.0	114.7	124.9	146.4	163.5	190.8
February	103.5	122.3	119.6	140.1	140.0	161.3	189.2
March	112.0	130.8	142.7	157.0	153.9	173.4	202.4
April	129.6	131.7	123.4	136.5	146.3	173.8	191.0
May	130.8	132.9	126.1	161.0	171.1	202.2	203.4
June	123.6	139.1	148.0	163.7	166.2	190.5	212.4
July	147.9	154.9	146.2	163.5	177.1	208.3	243.1
August	157.3	147.9	148.8	180.6	180.2	210.7	241.9
September	154.1	158.6	163.5	182.3	177.2	205.9	260.5
October	149.8	154.6	131.9	163.6	182.3	227.1	268.7
November	127.4	129.8	136.2	159.5	172.3	210.6	248.7
December	119.7	134.3	144.9	134.0	136.7	162.3	174.3
Annual Average	130.1	138.7	137.2	155.6	162.5	190.8	218.9

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Grocery Trade (Concl'd.)

Month	British Columbia						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	125.5	144.7	135.6	148.9	183.1	204.2	246.1
February	121.4	155.6	147.4	162.1	170.0	203.0	228.6
March	129.5	163.3	160.2	180.4	192.3	209.2	260.7
April	147.2	150.1	147.2	161.0	181.1	212.6	259.4
May	157.1	161.0	147.3	190.3	192.0	236.7	246.9
June	141.7	179.0	179.0	185.1	209.5	235.5	300.7
July	144.4	160.1	156.9	161.0	192.1	225.7	285.7
August	161.9	151.2	154.8	172.3	195.6	232.2	277.7
September	157.9	163.3	174.1	196.2	204.8	257.4	333.8
October	177.4	166.2	153.2	175.7	214.9	266.0	370.0
November	147.8	155.5	163.3	183.2	208.1	256.2	317.9
December	132.6	177.4	155.8	184.2	196.0	248.1	282.8
Annual Average	145.4	160.6	156.2	175.0	195.0	232.2	284.2

Tobacco and Confectionery

Month	Canada						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	125.4	144.3	159.9	187.1	224.5	255.0	277.7
February	124.0	140.0	159.9	190.0	213.2	228.8	245.7
March	135.5	155.0	221.3	224.6	249.3	271.7	281.2
April	151.6	164.9	189.8	214.5	243.5	294.6	308.4
May	161.5	179.6	208.9	258.0	286.4	339.1	355.7
June	159.5	205.0	218.5	249.7	267.4	302.2	319.7
July	158.5	166.9	215.8	225.9	258.4	317.6	339.8
August	154.8	171.1	209.3	236.7	265.1	307.8	309.0
September	151.9	182.9	226.6	237.0	250.5	292.8	322.7
October	163.4	186.4	231.7	251.4	290.6	336.8	363.1
November	152.1	179.3	222.9	243.2	275.5	311.0	327.8
December	168.8	193.6	222.8	242.9	272.8	305.0	354.7
Annual Average	150.6	172.4	207.3	230.1	258.1	296.9	317.1

Month	Maritimes and Quebec						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	138.9	155.8	153.9	185.3	214.0	236.0	259.6
February	134.4	150.8	153.8	183.5	206.6	195.7	229.4
March	140.0	167.6	243.9	252.2	263.8	273.3	291.9
April	166.6	177.9	218.5	237.5	281.4	291.8	347.0
May	177.5	203.1	213.7	254.7	275.6	297.9	334.2
June	185.4	218.0	238.3	273.3	260.5	292.0	332.0
July	166.6	160.4	223.0	230.6	236.8	300.0	353.4
August	154.1	178.8	213.7	233.4	264.0	277.5	308.6
September	150.8	179.3	247.8	250.5	248.0	288.7	341.8
October	159.5	169.2	252.3	259.9	286.9	344.6	394.2
November	148.6	169.3	233.3	262.9	256.6	274.3	317.1
December	170.5	181.1	236.3	270.3	273.2	323.9	396.1
Annual Average	157.7	175.9	219.0	241.2	255.8	283.0	325.4

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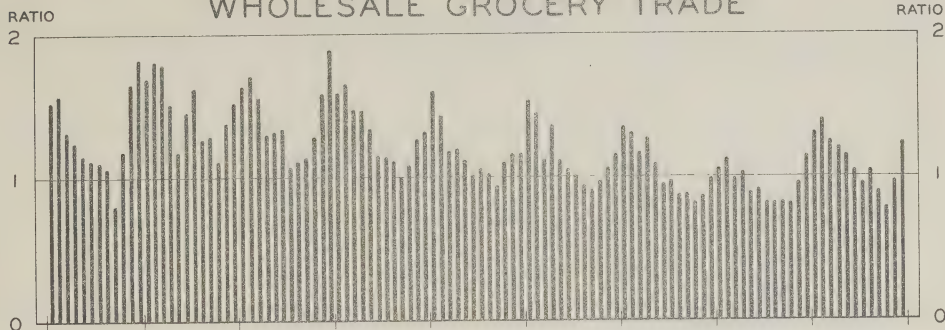
Tobacco and Confectionery (Concl'd.)

Month	Ontario						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	118.5	137.9	161.3	182.9	235.9	257.4	278.2
February	120.1	136.0	162.2	189.6	221.5	244.3	258.5
March	137.0	152.6	209.7	210.7	246.7	260.5	269.4
April	149.5	161.3	174.7	199.2	238.2	280.1	292.4
May	159.8	173.7	225.5	267.0	308.9	361.4	368.3
June	151.5	205.6	212.6	239.4	266.7	296.3	304.3
July	156.9	163.0	211.7	221.4	260.6	305.4	318.5
August	162.6	179.3	210.1	242.0	276.8	322.7	321.4
September	158.3	196.9	220.1	232.0	251.3	294.5	316.9
October	161.9	193.3	213.8	237.7	274.3	314.6	332.8
November	154.5	186.2	213.9	232.3	279.5	300.2	308.9
December	169.7	198.4	212.1	235.4	262.9	296.0	346.9
Annual Average	150.0	173.7	202.3	224.1	260.3	294.5	309.7

Month	Western Provinces						
	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	111.2	130.0	149.4	181.7	203.7	246.7	269.6
February	112.5	127.5	153.9	187.8	200.9	221.4	232.5
March	123.4	140.1	209.9	213.7	229.7	265.8	271.6
April	128.5	146.0	171.3	196.3	205.5	275.0	272.8
May	138.7	155.1	163.9	227.8	244.7	306.4	321.4
June	137.9	178.9	196.6	230.6	250.0	288.3	305.0
July	141.1	170.9	199.8	212.2	246.6	313.9	330.5
August	141.3	145.7	200.8	226.1	246.7	297.5	287.7
September	142.9	164.0	211.4	224.5	238.2	278.5	305.0
October	156.6	179.3	217.0	235.0	277.5	320.2	342.3
November	152.8	180.8	225.8	242.1	274.8	333.9	347.9
December	164.7	200.4	225.9	227.9	269.6	292.0	328.5
Annual Average	137.6	159.9	193.8	217.1	240.7	286.6	301.2

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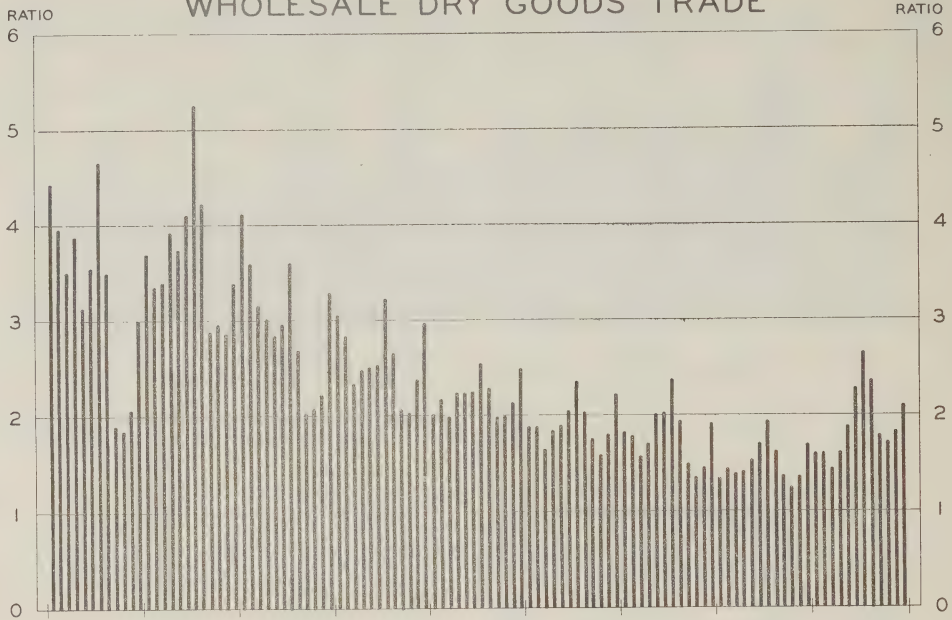
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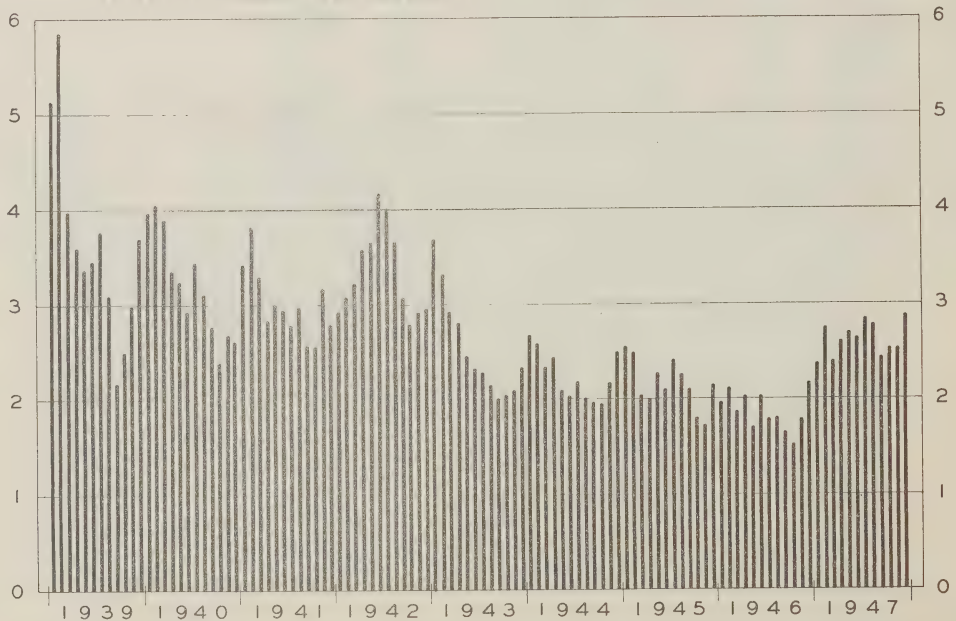
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INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE INVENTORIES--(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Grocery Trade

Month	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	135.9	151.4	132.4	146.8	143.3	137.4	197.4
February	135.0	152.9	131.0	145.4	146.3	135.9	191.3
March	129.1	153.4	128.0	151.8	155.1	152.3	205.1
April	137.9	149.7	129.4	152.4	154.5	148.9	205.0
May	132.1	138.6	120.6	138.7	134.5	138.4	186.4
June	123.7	134.7	114.2	130.5	129.2	134.8	185.5
July	127.7	125.3	111.4	123.2	114.6	130.0	178.1
August	132.3	121.8	117.1	125.5	111.6	132.7	172.9
September	151.5	130.7	128.5	138.8	123.8	156.0	193.9
October	156.9	127.9	127.2	136.5	121.5	159.5	194.1
November	172.8	145.5	148.1	154.3	137.5	186.7	228.3
December	151.3	137.0	146.6	144.7	134.1	192.3	223.1

Dry Goods Trade

Month	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
January	119.8	127.3	113.2	97.7	95.2	85.4	115.4
February	124.2	130.7	112.0	100.5	95.2	87.3	128.0
March	130.9	135.9	108.6	100.8	95.5	90.2	149.7
April	121.5	127.6	102.6	96.1	93.7	93.8	158.0
May	117.3	125.6	99.2	103.1	96.3	99.0	160.8
June	113.0	124.4	100.4	105.9	96.7	103.1	156.8
July	132.1	132.4	104.2	110.6	102.4	107.4	171.8
August	126.5	121.9	95.9	97.7	88.4	94.1	155.8
September	120.1	112.5	94.3	93.0	81.1	89.1	148.1
October	125.0	119.5	102.3	99.9	83.7	103.5	165.2
November	106.1	109.7	95.9	94.7	80.1	104.8	151.4
December	113.3	115.7	100.9	94.3	87.3	106.3	150.9

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WHOLESALE TRADE, 1948

REVISED INDEXES

Introduction

This bulletin is issued as a supplement to the monthly series of reports on wholesale trade. It presents the revised monthly indexes for the year 1948 and the annual averages for the various trades for the years from 1941 to 1948.

Monthly index numbers for nine different trades have been published since 1935 and are compiled from statements submitted each month by some 400 wholesalers representing nine lines of trade. Not all of the 400 firms are able to provide month-end inventory figures with the result that the inventory indexes and percentage changes are based on a smaller sample.

In addition to the monthly indexes of sales, a table is included showing the percentage changes in dollar volume of sales between the years 1947 and 1948, and between 1941 and 1948. This table also gives the percentage changes in year-end stocks for each trade. Inventory comparisons for each month are shown in the monthly bulletins. Indexes of inventories for the grocery and dry goods trades are presented in this bulletin as well as stocks-sales ratios for four selected trades.

It should be pointed out that the indexes of wholesale sales are based on returns secured from regular wholesale merchants only. Agents, brokers, and commission houses are excluded as well as chain store warehouses. The survey is further restricted to those firms engaged chiefly in servicing the retail trades and includes the following kinds of business: automotive supply and equipment, drugs, clothing, footwear, dry goods, fruits and vegetables, groceries, hardware, and tobacco and confectionery. Since manufacturing firms are not included, the indexes do not reflect the trend in business transacted directly between manufacturers and the retail trades.

Sales Trends

The dollar volume of wholesale sales in Canada in 1948, measured by the composite index of sales in the nine lines of trade for which figures are available, was 4% higher than in 1947, 9% higher than in 1941, and 183% above the average for the base period, 1935-1939. The average index for the twelve months of 1948 (on the base, average for 1935-1939=100) was 283.2 compared with 272.0 for 1947 and 142.0 for 1941.

There was little variation in percentage changes from 1947 between the different regions of the country although the western provinces registered slightly greater increases than the eastern sections. The Maritime Provinces and Quebec both showed increases of 3% in dollar sales over the previous year, Ontario sales were up 4%, while gains of 5% and 6% were recorded for the Prairie Provinces and British Columbia respectively.

Tobacco and confectionery and drug wholesalers, with gains of 12% and 11% respectively, were the only trades to register greater increases over 1947 than occurred in 1947 over 1946. Increases in these trades were larger in the earlier part of the year than in the latter part. In all other trades surveyed there was some indication of a lowering of the rate of increase that has been in evidence over the past several years, although gains in the later months of the year were larger than in the earlier months. Sales of hardware wholesalers were up 11% over 1947 compared with an increase of 17% in 1947 over 1946. Dry goods wholesalers' sales were 8% higher in dollar volume than in 1947 and gains of 4% were recorded by both clothing and grocery wholesalers. A gain of 3% over 1947 was registered by wholesalers of automotive equipment, while decreases of 5% and 14% were shown by footwear and fruit and vegetable wholesalers.

Inventories

Year-end inventories for the nine trades combined showed an increase of 5% in dollar value over the corresponding date of 1947 but considerable variation occurred between the different trades. Tobacco and confectionery wholesalers' stocks were valued 22% higher than at the end of 1947, while stocks of hardware wholesalers were up 14% and a gain of 8% was recorded by dry goods wholesalers. Both automotive equipment and drug wholesalers reported an increase of 4% in value of stocks on hand. The value of stocks in the hands of wholesale grocers was unchanged from December 31, 1947 while decreases of 13%, 21%, and 22% were reported by wholesalers of fruits and vegetables, clothing, and footwear respectively.

Stocks-Sales Ratios

Table 3 gives the ratios that stocks on hand at the beginning of each month bore to the cost of goods sold in that month for four trades for the years 1939 and 1941 to 1948. While the stocks-sales ratios are still below the normal level according to pre-war standards, in most cases, the 1948 ratios show a definite improvement over the past few years. Stocks-sales ratios for the grocery trade for the months from April to September 1948 fell slightly below the ratios for 1947 but considerable improvement was shown in the last three months of the year.

Table 1.-PERCENTAGE CHANGES IN WHOLESALE TRADE

Trade and Region	Percentage Change		
	S a l e s		Inventory
	1948 1947	1948 1941	December, 1948 December, 1947
Automotive Equipment	+ 2.7	+140.7	+ 3.6
Maritimes and Quebec	- 1.3	+155.0	
Ontario	+ 4.8	+126.4	
Western Provinces	+ 2.9	+152.9	
Drugs	+10.7	+ 94.1	+ 3.5
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	+ 9.4	+ 87.0	
Western Provinces	+14.3	+114.8	
Clothing	+ 3.8	+ 85.6	-20.8
Footwear	- 4.7	+102.5	-21.6
Dry Goods	+ 8.3	+ 86.7	- 7.9
Maritimes and Quebec	+10.1	+ 79.3	
Ontario	+ 4.0	+ 85.9	
Western Provinces	+11.8	+103.8	
Fruits and Vegetables	-13.7	+ 80.8	-12.6
Maritimes and Quebec	-17.6	+ 58.2	
Ontario	- 7.9	+ 73.6	
Western Provinces	-13.3	+106.2	
Groceries	+ 4.0	+ 88.6	(x)
Maritimes	+ 3.2	+ 91.1	
Quebec	- 2.1	+ 64.1	
Ontario	+ 1.5	+ 97.6	
Prairies	+ 8.0	+ 81.8	
British Columbia	+ 9.8	+114.6	
Hardware	+ 10.7	+117.7	+14.2
Maritimes	+11.9	+121.7	
Quebec	+14.7	+111.0	
Ontario	+15.9	+111.2	
Western Provinces	+ 6.2	+124.9	
Tobacco and Confectionery	+ 11.9	+135.6	+21.8
Maritimes and Quebec	+13.3	+133.9	
Ontario	+11.4	+130.0	
Western Provinces	+11.9	+144.8	
Wholesale Trade--			
Maritimes	+ 2.9	+ 90.2	
Quebec	+ 3.0	+ 87.4	
Ontario	+ 4.3	+ 99.5	
Prairies	+ 4.7	+106.7	
British Columbia	+ 6.1	+115.4	
CANADA	+ 4.1	+ 99.4	+ 5.0

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INDEXES OF WHOLESALE SALES

(1935-1939 = 100)

WHOLESALE TRADE

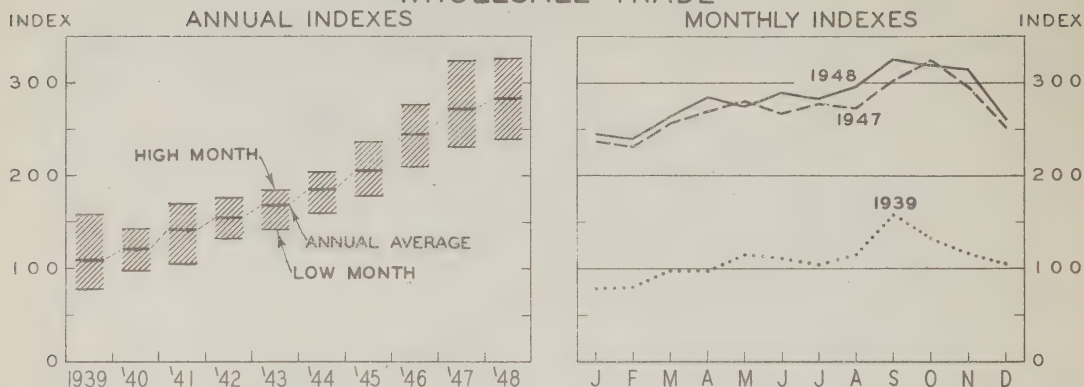


Table 2.-INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES--1948
(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Month	General Index					
	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia
January.....	244.2	221.5	217.7	258.4	226.9	314.1
February.....	239.5	218.9	241.4	242.9	217.3	287.0
March.....	264.9	266.7	265.6	266.8	240.7	311.8
April.....	285.1	297.7	281.0	296.5	249.0	344.4
May.....	274.2	304.8	251.6	301.5	259.2	323.4
June.....	290.0	303.9	254.7	300.6	277.4	342.6
July.....	283.5	319.3	229.7	283.7	293.2	351.7
August.....	296.7	304.8	249.4	292.5	312.7	346.1
September.....	327.0	326.5	306.8	320.9	342.8	350.8
October.....	319.3	336.1	307.0	307.0	320.3	367.4
November.....	313.6	319.9	304.3	305.1	310.6	373.2
December.....	259.9	264.6	247.9	276.7	231.9	292.8

Month	Automotive Equipment Trade			
	Canada	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January.....	320.9	284.4	354.2	316.6
February.....	331.5	391.0	316.3	322.6
March.....	318.4	364.4	321.7	305.5
April.....	368.1	412.3	370.6	353.2
May.....	381.6	540.4	320.8	392.3
June.....	379.0	399.0	349.6	408.0
July.....	349.2	406.9	357.0	320.4
August.....	376.0	395.9	321.5	408.0
September.....	497.2	486.5	476.1	499.0
October.....	489.7	541.9	436.3	486.7
November.....	427.5	445.7	384.1	465.2
December.....	319.4	399.9	371.5	273.9

Table 2.-INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES, 1948--(Cont'd)
(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Month	Drug Trade		
	Canada	Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	Western Provinces
January	283.5	273.3	311.1
February	251.4	242.0	282.0
March	243.7	236.0	265.4
April	288.9	279.5	308.8
May	276.6	267.5	298.8
June	274.2	258.5	316.1
July	282.1	264.7	332.0
August	279.6	268.6	309.0
September	294.4	303.5	273.3
October	320.3	313.8	336.3
November	325.3	318.4	345.3
December	261.6	267.2	246.1

Month	Clothing Trade	Footwear Trade	Dry Goods Trade			
	Canada	Canada	Canada	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January	274.7	248.7	252.1	234.6	280.3	251.0
February	264.4	268.3	268.2	265.0	296.2	231.7
March	300.0	298.7	266.3	268.6	282.6	264.0
April	253.5	288.9	259.2	266.4	272.5	218.9
May	223.8	215.4	246.9	244.2	262.2	236.8
June	243.2	218.5	239.2	249.8	240.3	213.4
July	178.2	172.6	179.0	145.3	187.6	238.1
August	264.5	363.6	284.5	243.7	325.4	300.3
September	311.9	411.4	338.0	337.5	331.7	338.6
October	313.3	393.0	322.2	318.1	334.7	320.4
November	319.7	312.3	325.7	315.8	340.4	357.0
December	234.3	249.9	192.8	159.4	227.0	201.5

Month	Fruits and Vegetables Trade			
	Canada	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January	186.7	156.6	216.8	168.5
February	197.5	210.9	207.6	177.4
March	216.0	206.6	237.2	194.2
April	231.1	254.7	282.4	218.9
May	242.9	229.2	254.0	227.8
June	256.1	235.6	281.5	242.0
July	252.6	208.3	267.6	268.0
August	249.0	167.8	230.1	318.9
September	272.7	169.1	239.8	386.3
October	227.7	162.4	195.9	300.7
November	256.5	231.4	245.1	295.7
December	258.1	206.4	250.0	298.6

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Table 2.-INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES, 1948-(Concl'd)
(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Month	Grocery Trade					
	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia
January	216.2	235.2	155.6	231.1	196.0	289.4
February	201.3	226.4	168.9	200.6	182.6	261.1
March	226.9	272.1	192.9	226.3	201.0	295.6
April	252.0	292.5	226.3	251.8	218.9	321.4
May	237.5	286.1	208.0	243.1	222.9	268.6
June	269.4	308.8	224.6	276.4	248.5	331.7
July	287.7	332.6	218.5	285.7	293.4	340.0
August	285.4	313.9	227.4	290.5	281.3	332.7
September	296.1	305.5	262.2	293.6	296.2	354.2
October	287.1	323.5	253.4	286.9	274.3	356.7
November	268.4	302.1	244.2	270.4	242.5	347.1
December	219.8	261.8	207.1	241.7	180.2	246.0

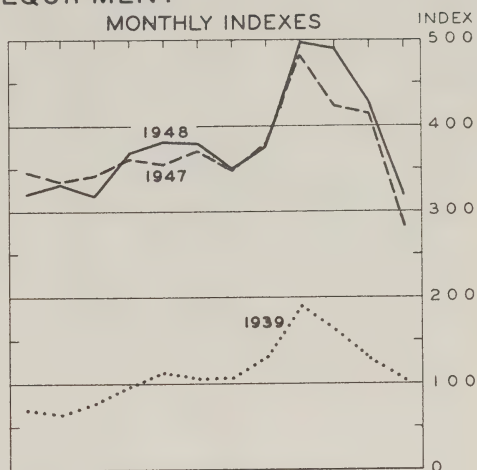
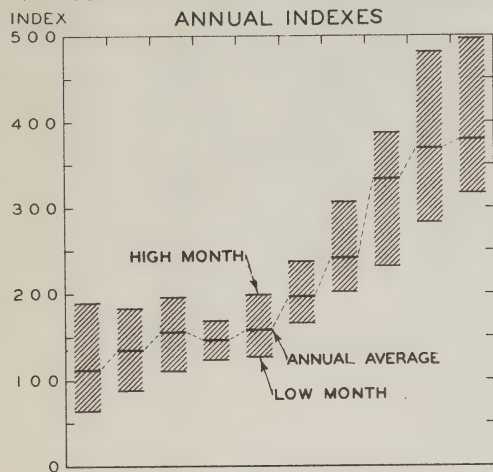
Month	Hardware Trade				
	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January	300.7	210.5	317.5	292.0	322.5
February	314.8	236.7	299.6	309.5	320.2
March	351.3	329.4	346.2	354.6	341.6
April	376.0	405.1	356.2	387.9	374.6
May	361.1	351.9	323.7	373.4	385.3
June	373.0	348.2	367.1	407.6	373.6
July	337.2	318.7	305.6	327.5	359.4
August	339.5	313.5	319.1	293.9	362.3
September	383.1	420.9	395.2	423.2	369.1
October	393.0	426.1	383.1	395.6	389.6
November	430.9	371.3	429.9	448.4	429.1
December	356.2	297.1	349.5	406.9	337.5

Month	Tobacco and Confectionery Trade			
	Canada	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
January	303.8	285.0	295.2	304.6
February	277.1	268.9	286.4	263.0
March	342.8	387.1	318.7	328.9
April	348.5	409.8	340.4	292.2
May	370.6	348.2	394.8	325.3
June	387.2	404.4	367.9	368.7
July	384.0	377.1	365.3	377.1
August	348.2	336.4	355.5	336.0
September	375.0	397.9	357.1	365.7
October	382.7	405.2	349.8	365.6
November	366.2	370.7	349.1	377.5
December	371.0	434.5	359.7	338.0

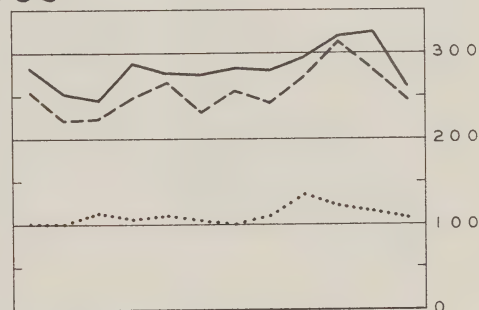
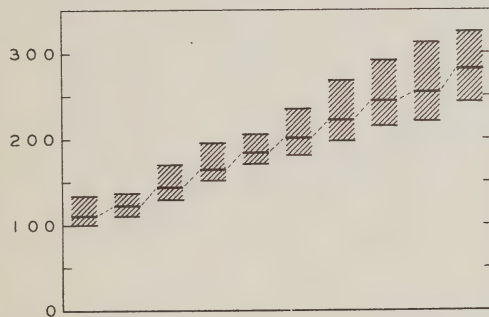
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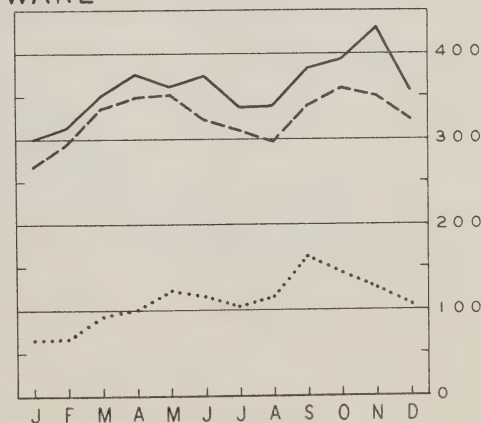
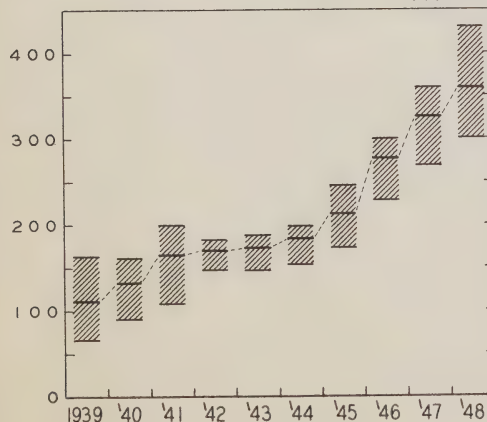
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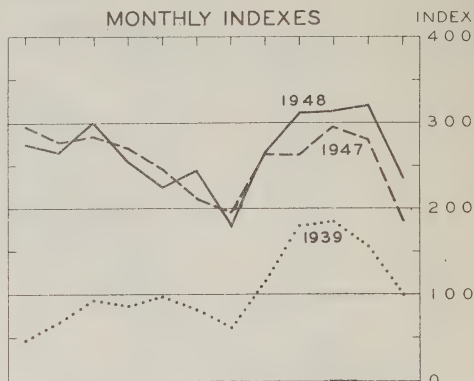
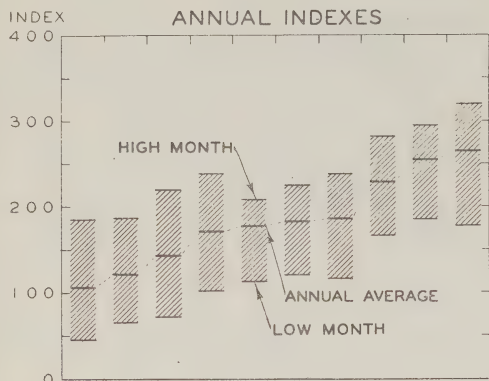
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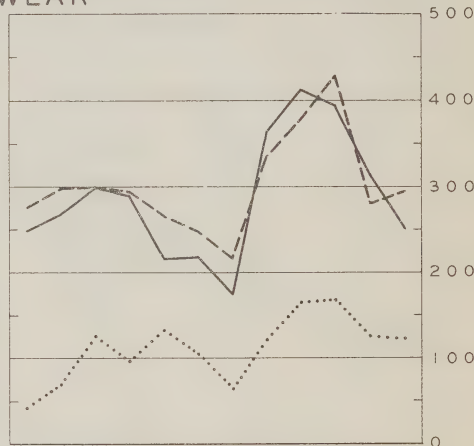
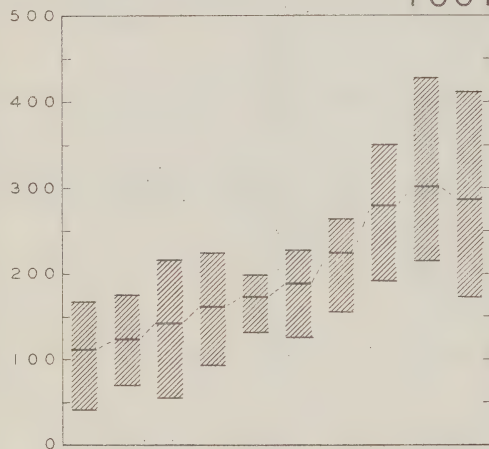
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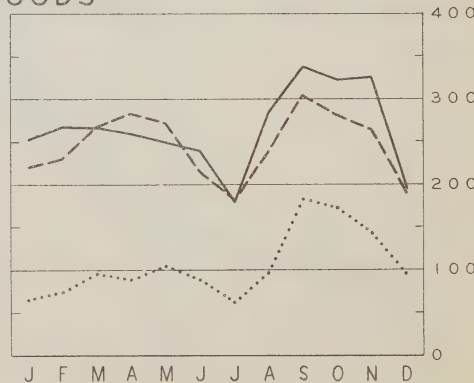
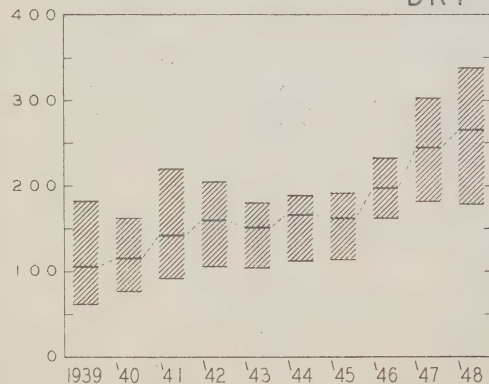
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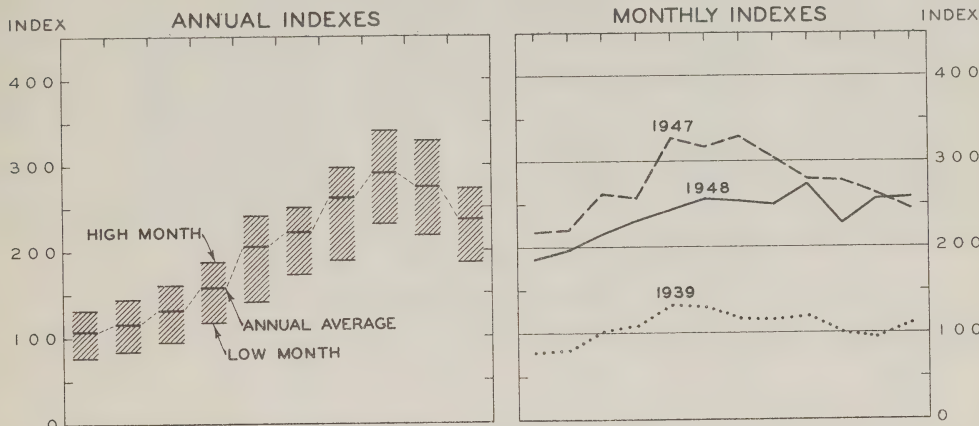


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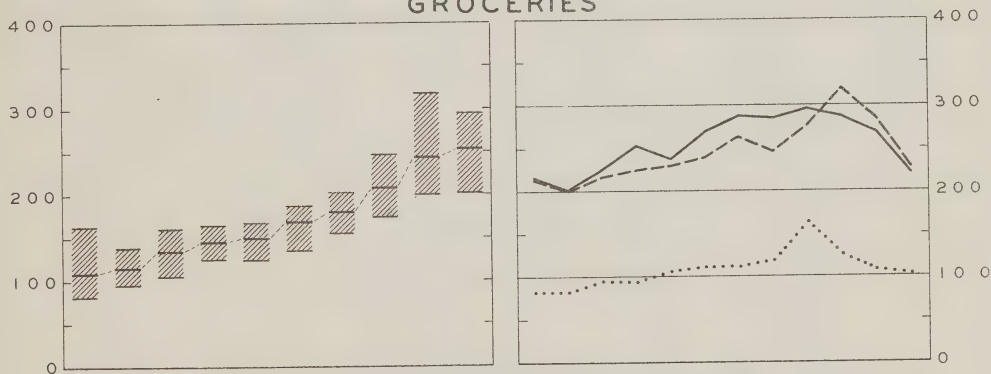


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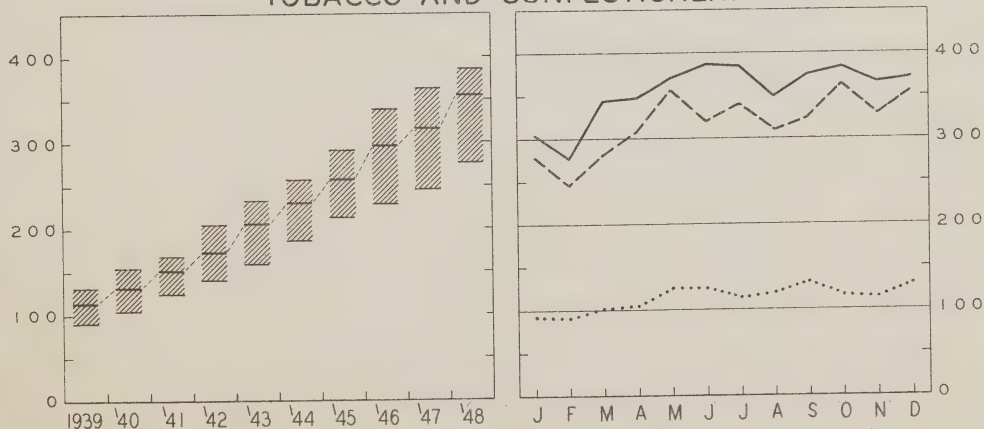


Table 3.- INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES

Annual Averages

WHOLESALE TRADE						
Year	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia
1941	142.0	152.7	140.4	144.2	132.3	155.0
1942	156.2	169.7	152.9	157.4	145.9	175.9
1943	168.3	190.7	161.7	166.0	161.6	190.8
1944	186.0	217.0	176.9	183.6	183.1	199.0
1945	205.4	235.0	191.5	206.9	198.2	226.5
1946	244.0	257.6	223.4	245.9	243.6	271.6
1947	272.0	282.3	255.5	275.8	261.1	314.6
1948	283.2	290.4	263.1	287.7	273.5	333.8

SELECTED WHOLESALE TRADES

ANNUAL INDEXES

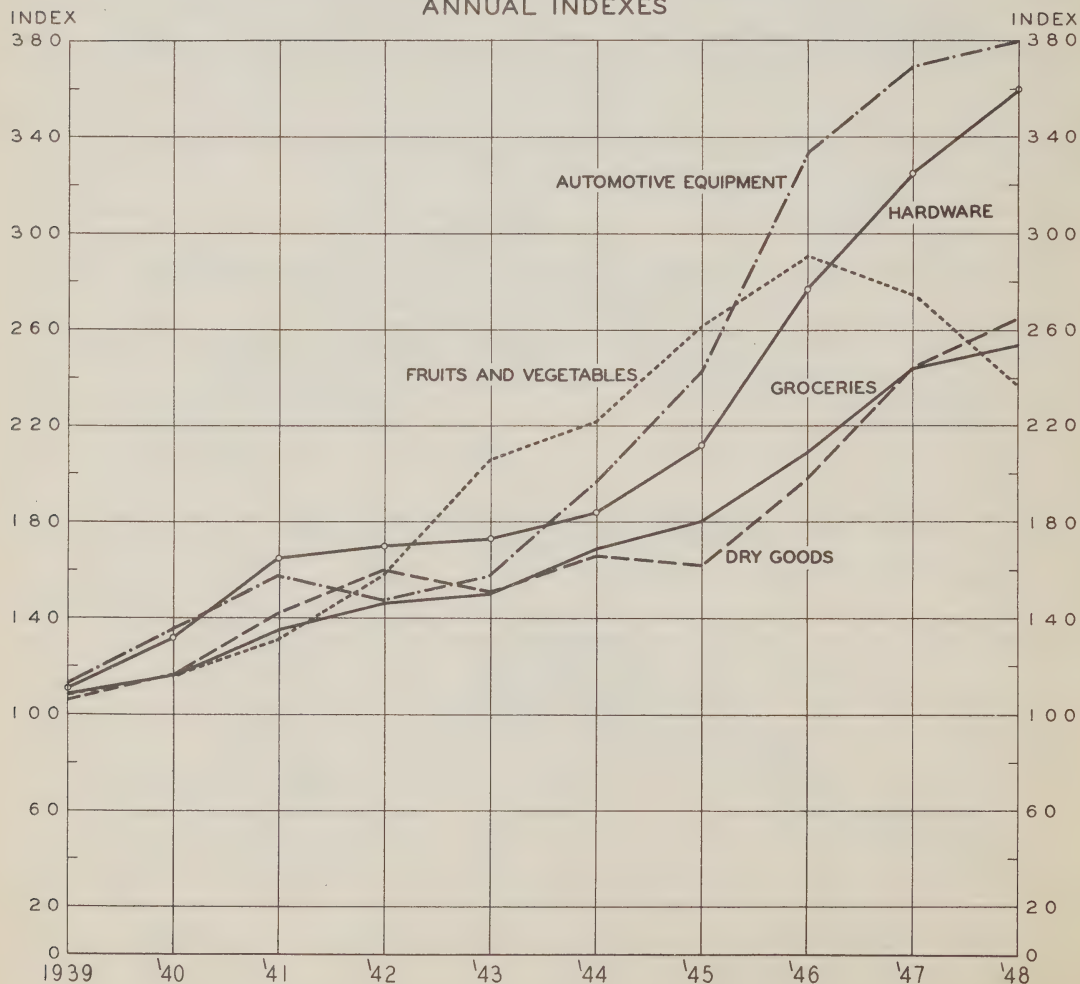


Table 3.- INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES (cont'd)

Annual Averages

AUTOMOTIVE EQUIPMENT TRADE

Year	CANADA	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
1941	157.8	165.3	161.2	150.0
1942	147.6	160.2	142.7	147.4
1943	158.1	167.1	138.6	174.5
1944	197.2	217.0	166.8	219.8
1945	242.8	288.4	204.0	263.6
1946	334.0	370.4	299.2	355.1
1947	369.8	426.9	348.4	368.6
1948	379.9	421.5	365.0	379.3

DRUG TRADE

Year	CANADA	Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario	Western Provinces
1941	145.2	146.7	140.6
1942	165.7	166.7	162.3
1943	184.2	183.2	186.5
1944	201.9	201.8	202.0
1945	222.1	220.8	225.4
1946	245.2	240.7	258.0
1947	254.6	250.9	264.2
1948	281.8	274.4	302.0

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DRY GOODS TRADE

Year	CANADA	CANADA	CANADA	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
1941	142.8	141.6	141.8	141.7	151.6	129.7
1942	170.9	161.0	160.2	154.8	171.3	155.7
1943	177.5	173.1	150.9	146.1	152.5	158.7
1944	183.1	188.8	165.9	158.4	166.8	180.9
1945	186.3	224.0	161.9	154.7	168.9	167.4
1946	229.3	279.4	197.5	186.7	211.8	199.6
1947	255.4	300.8	244.5	230.8	270.9	236.5
1948	265.1	286.8	264.7	254.0	281.8	264.3

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES TRADE

Year	CANADA	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
1941	131.2	128.5	139.6	125.2
1942	158.5	158.2	160.6	155.7
1943	206.1	197.3	198.3	216.1
1944	222.0	208.2	211.9	236.2
1945	262.4	247.1	257.5	271.2
1946	291.2	254.7	284.9	323.8
1947	274.7	246.7	263.1	297.7
1948	237.2	203.3	242.3	258.1

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Table 3.- INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE SALES (concl'd)

Annual Indexes

GROCERY TRADE

Year	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia
1941	134.7	150.9	131.5	130.7	130.1	145.4
1942	146.5	165.4	140.8	144.5	138.7	160.6
1943	150.3	184.8	142.8	152.3	137.2	156.2
1944	169.3	210.4	158.2	171.9	155.6	175.0
1945	180.2	224.8	163.3	185.1	162.5	195.0
1946	208.9	246.6	190.4	214.2	190.8	232.2
1947	244.2	279.5	220.5	254.3	218.9	284.2
1948	254.0	288.4	215.8	258.2	236.5	312.0

HARDWARE TRADE

Year	CANADA	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
1941	165.2	151.5	165.6	174.3	161.7
1942	170.0	159.4	168.1	165.5	173.9
1943	173.1	162.4	163.3	150.0	191.2
1944	183.8	188.4	178.0	164.1	196.2
1945	212.0	200.6	205.1	192.5	226.8
1946	277.4	253.9	255.4	264.6	298.6
1947	325.0	300.0	304.5	317.8	342.4
1948	359.7	335.8	349.4	368.2	363.7

TOBACCO AND CONFECTIONERY TRADE

Year	CANADA	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces
1941	150.6	157.7	150.0	137.6
1942	172.4	175.9	173.7	159.9
1943	207.3	219.0	202.3	193.8
1944	230.1	241.2	224.1	217.1
1945	258.1	255.8	260.3	240.7
1946	296.9	283.0	294.5	286.6
1947	317.1	325.4	309.7	301.2
1948	354.8	368.8	345.0	336.9

TABLE 4.-STOCKS-SALES RATIOS ⁽¹⁾

Wholesale Dry Goods Trade									
	<u>1939</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
January	4.43	4.11	3.06	2.02	1.88	1.82	1.35	1.61	2.14
February	3.96	3.59	2.84	2.17	1.88	1.79	1.45	1.61	2.02
March	3.50	3.15	2.34	1.99	1.65	1.57	1.40	1.45	2.07
April	3.87	3.01	2.49	2.25	1.84	1.71	1.42	1.61	2.21
May	3.12	2.84	2.52	2.24	1.90	2.01	1.53	1.88	2.42
June	3.54	2.97	2.54	2.25	2.04	2.03	1.71	2.28	2.46
July	4.65	3.61	3.22	2.55	2.36	2.38	1.94	2.65	3.17
August	3.49	2.68	2.66	2.28	2.03	1.94	1.62	2.37	2.37
September	1.90	2.02	2.07	1.99	1.75	1.50	1.37	1.79	1.93
October	1.85	2.07	2.04	2.00	1.58	1.37	1.24	1.71	1.83
November	2.07	2.22	2.38	2.13	1.80	1.46	1.36	1.82	1.75
December	3.00	3.28	2.98	2.43	2.22	1.91	1.69	2.10	2.30

Wholesale Automotive Equipment Trade									
	<u>1939</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
January	5.12	3.41	2.93	3.68	2.67	2.55	1.97	2.37	3.51
February	5.84	3.81	3.06	3.30	2.57	2.49	2.11	2.75	3.31
March	3.96	3.27	3.22	2.91	2.33	2.04	1.87	2.40	3.46
April	3.59	2.83	3.57	2.77	2.44	2.00	2.02	2.60	3.08
May	3.36	2.99	3.65	2.45	2.09	2.27	1.70	2.69	3.08
June	3.46	2.93	4.16	2.31	2.03	2.10	2.02	2.63	3.11
July	3.76	2.78	4.01	2.27	2.18	2.41	1.79	2.83	3.20
August	3.09	2.97	3.66	2.15	2.01	2.26	1.80	2.78	2.99
September	2.17	2.55	3.06	2.01	1.96	2.10	1.64	2.44	2.54
October	2.50	2.55	2.78	2.04	1.94	1.80	1.52	2.52	2.22
November	2.98	3.16	2.91	2.09	2.17	1.72	1.79	2.52	2.46
December	3.69	2.78	2.95	2.34	2.49	2.14	2.16	2.88	2.66

(1) Ratios that stocks on hand at the beginning of the month bear to cost of goods sold in that month.

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Table 4.- STOCKS-SALES RATIOS ⁽¹⁾ (concl'd)

	<u>Wholesale Grocery Trade</u>								
	<u>1939</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
January	1.51	1.62	1.58	1.59	1.53	1.34	1.05	1.30	1.46
February	1.57	1.70	1.64	1.42	1.44	1.30	1.12	1.39	1.53
March	1.31	1.55	1.46	1.17	1.12	1.17	.98	1.25	1.25
April	1.24	1.29	1.46	1.19	1.35	1.27	1.03	1.21	1.09
May	1.15	1.31	1.33	1.11	1.11	1.08	.89	1.15	1.11
June	1.12	1.32	1.15	1.01	1.05	.95	.91	1.04	1.03
July	1.10	1.07	1.14	1.05	1.01	.97	.82	.96	.85
August	1.06	1.10	1.11	1.02	.94	.87	.81	1.04	.92
September80	1.13	1.00	.94	.90	.87	.82	.89	.88
October	1.18	1.27	1.07	1.09	.97	.81	.81	.78	1.00
November	1.64	1.57	1.26	1.16	1.06	.86	.96	.97	1.22
December	1.82	1.89	1.31	1.15	1.15	.99	1.14	1.23	1.43

	<u>Wholesale Hardware Trade</u>								
	<u>1939</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1946</u>	<u>1947</u>	<u>1948</u>
January	6.02	4.69	4.90	5.08	4.56	4.11	3.53	3.62	3.76
February	5.80	4.12	4.57	4.49	3.73	3.74	2.88	3.01	3.66
March	4.76	3.95	3.67	3.46	3.52	3.38	2.64	2.86	3.45
April	4.65	3.90	3.44	3.81	3.97	3.58	2.86	2.92	3.32
May	3.94	3.65	4.16	3.62	3.38	3.53	2.57	2.94	3.42
June	4.07	3.90	4.22	3.54	3.46	3.42	2.72	3.39	3.32
July	4.44	3.77	4.21	3.55	3.74	3.62	2.79	3.46	3.69
August	3.79	3.65	4.32	3.89	3.49	3.31	2.60	3.67	3.74
September	2.85	3.37	4.05	3.57	3.29	3.04	2.60	3.12	3.22
October	3.15	3.16	3.94	3.58	3.31	2.77	2.40	2.89	3.14
November	3.60	3.53	4.08	3.56	3.30	2.90	2.50	2.94	2.76
December	4.38	4.02	4.45	4.29	4.21	3.43	3.14	3.11	3.37

(1) Ratios that stocks on hand at the beginning of the month bear to cost of goods sold in that month.

Table 5 - INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE INVENTORIES
(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Grocery Trade

Month	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
January	135.9	151.4	132.4	146.8	143.3	137.4	197.4	218.5
February	135.0	152.9	131.0	145.4	146.3	135.9	191.3	203.2
March	129.1	153.4	128.0	151.8	155.1	152.3	205.1	212.3
April	137.9	149.7	129.4	152.4	154.5	148.9	205.0	205.6
May	132.1	138.6	120.6	138.7	134.5	138.4	186.4	164.2
June	123.7	134.7	114.2	130.5	129.2	134.8	185.5	175.7
July	127.7	125.3	111.4	123.2	114.6	130.0	178.1	184.0
August	132.3	121.8	117.1	125.5	111.6	132.7	172.9	187.4
September	151.5	130.7	128.5	138.8	123.8	156.0	193.9	219.1
October	156.9	127.9	127.2	136.5	121.5	159.5	194.1	218.6
November	172.8	145.5	148.1	154.3	137.5	186.7	228.3	261.9
December	151.3	137.0	146.6	144.7	134.1	192.3	223.1	223.1

Dry Goods Trade

Month	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
January	119.8	127.3	113.2	97.7	93.2	85.4	115.4	164.8
February	124.2	130.7	112.0	100.5	95.2	87.3	128.0	175.9
March	130.9	135.9	108.6	100.8	95.5	90.2	149.7	183.5
April	121.5	127.6	102.6	96.1	93.7	93.8	158.0	181.1
May	117.3	125.6	99.2	103.1	96.3	99.0	160.8	186.7
June	113.0	124.4	100.4	105.9	96.7	103.1	156.8	184.6
July	132.1	132.4	104.2	110.6	102.4	107.4	171.8	207.5
August	126.5	121.9	95.9	97.7	88.4	94.1	155.8	185.6
September	120.1	112.5	94.3	93.0	81.1	89.1	148.1	169.6
October	125.0	119.5	102.3	99.9	83.7	103.5	165.2	193.4
November	106.1	109.7	95.9	94.7	80.1	104.8	151.4	166.2
December	113.3	115.7	100.9	94.3	87.3	106.3	150.9	162.8

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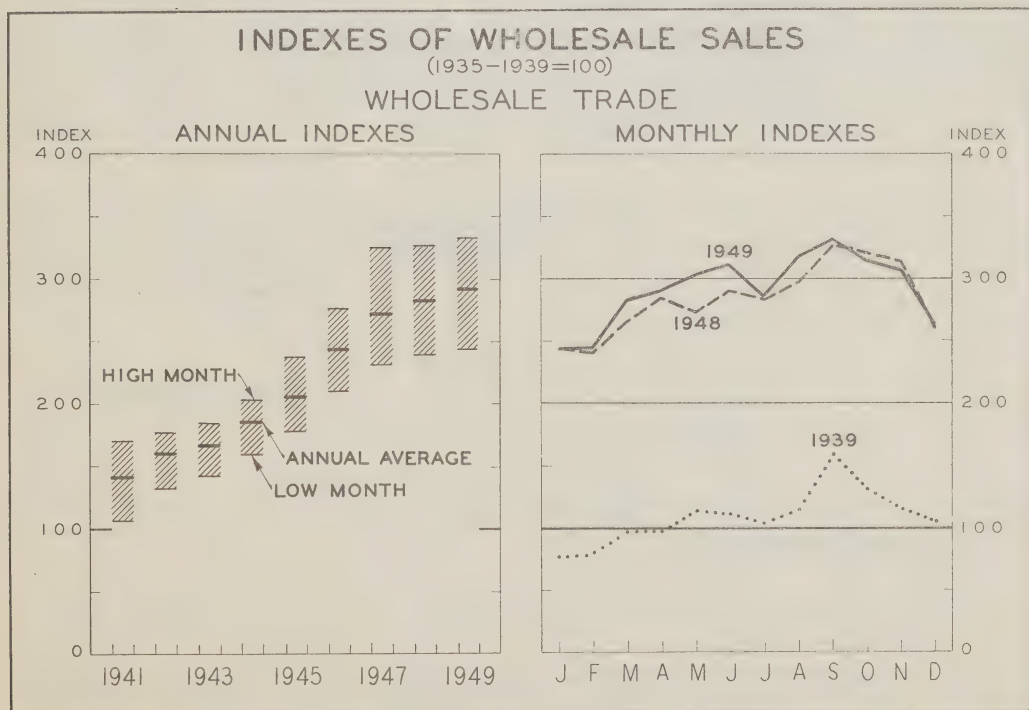
This bulletin is issued as a supplement to the monthly series of reports on wholesale trade. It presents the revised monthly indexes for the year 1949 and annual averages for the various trades for the years from 1941 to 1949.

Types of wholesalers. — Indexes of wholesale sales are based on returns secured from regular wholesale merchants only. Agents, brokers, and commission houses are excluded, as are chain store warehouses. This survey is further restricted to those trades engaged chiefly in servicing the more common types of retail store and includes the following kinds of wholesale business: automotive equipment, drugs, clothing, footwear, dry goods, fruits and vegetables, groceries, hardware, and tobacco and confectionery.

Coverage. — Monthly index numbers for these nine trades have been compiled since 1935 from statements submitted each month by some 400

wholesalers. Inventory comparisons are based on a smaller sample. Percentage changes in inventories are compiled for the nine trades but indexes have been computed only for dry goods and grocery wholesalers. This bulletin presents year-end inventory comparisons. Percentage changes for each month are shown in the monthly bulletins.

Sales Trends. — Dollar sales of wholesalers in the nine lines of trade covered by this survey were 3% higher in 1949 than in 1948, and exceeded the 1941 volume by 105%. The rate of increase in wholesale sales has diminished considerably in the last two years. The 1948 index was 4% above that for 1947, while increases for several years prior to 1947 ranged between 7% and 19%. The average index for the twelve months of 1949 (on the base, average for 1935-1939 = 100) stood at 291.3 as compared with 283.2 for 1948, 272.0 for 1947, and 142.0 for 1941.



The largest increase in dollar volume of sales occurred in the Prairie Provinces where sales were 8% above 1948 volume. Declines of 2% and 1% were recorded for Quebec and British Colum-

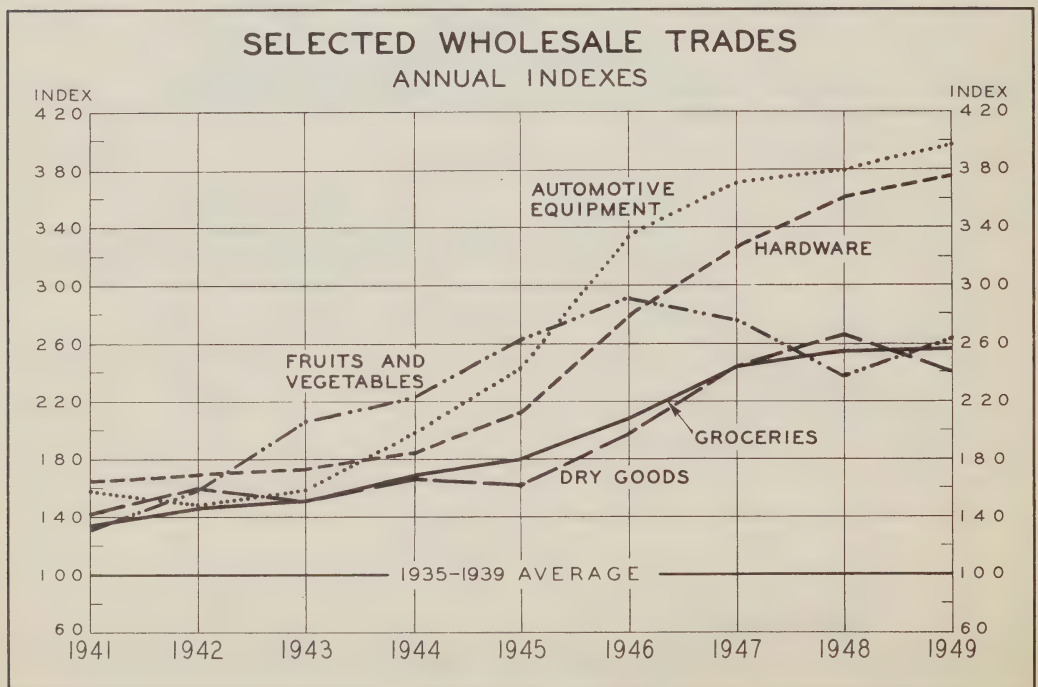
bia respectively. The following table shows the percentage changes in dollar sales by regions between 1948 and 1949, and between 1941 and 1949.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Sales, by Regions, 1949/1948 and 1949/1941

Region	1949/1948	1949/1941
Maritimes.....	-1.8 +2.9	+86.8
Quebec.....	-1.9	+83.8
Ontario.....	+4.1	+107.8
Prairies.....	+7.7	+122.6
British Columbia.....	-0.5	+114.3
Canada.....	+2.9	+105.1

A comparison of trends in individual trades indicates that fruit and vegetable wholesalers recovered somewhat from the downward trend of the two preceding years to record an increase of 11% over 1948. On the other hand, the dry goods and apparel trades recorded lower sales in 1949 than in the previous year. Sales of dry goods wholesalers

declined 9%, clothing wholesalers' sales were down 6%, while footwear wholesalers' sales were 2% below 1948. The following chart indicates the trend during the period from 1941 to 1949 for selected trades. Monthly trends for individual kinds of business are shown in the charts which appear on page 8.



The table below shows percentage changes in wholesale sales for each of the nine trades between 1948 and 1949, and between 1941 and 1949.

Percentage Changes in Wholesale Trade, by Kinds of Business, 1949/1948 and 1949/1941

Kind of Business	Sales		Inventory
	1949 — 1948	1949 — 1941	Dec. 31, 1949 — Dec. 31, 1948
Automotive equipment.....	+4.7	+152.0	+18.3
Drugs.....	+8.4	+110.4	+2.1
Clothing.....	-6.4	+73.8	-12.6
Footwear.....	-1.7	+99.1	+32.8
Drygoods.....	-9.2	+69.5	+4.9
Fruits and vegetables.....	+10.9	+100.5	-9.9
Groceries.....	+1.2	+90.8	-16.5
Hardware.....	+4.2	+126.9	+4.0
Tobacco and confectionery.....	+5.1	+147.5	-3.0
Wholesale trade.....	+2.9	+105.1	-0.9

Inventories.—The value of inventories of wholesalers in the nine lines of trade at December 31, 1949 was 1% lower than at the end of 1948. Increases in inventories over 1948 were more pronounced in the early months than towards the end of the year. In fact, month-end stocks of clothing, fruit and vegetable, and grocery wholesalers were lower in the latter half of

the year than on the corresponding dates of 1948. The only exceptions to this general trend were automotive equipment and footwear wholesalers in which an opposite tendency was apparent. Year-end comparisons of inventory values by trades are shown in the above table, while the table following presents indexes of inventories in the dry goods and grocery trades by months.

Index Numbers of Wholesale Inventories, 1948 and 1949

(Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Month	Dry Goods Trade		Grocery Trade	
	1948	1949	1948	1949
January.....	164.8	196.8	218.5	225.7
February.....	175.9	225.5	203.2	215.4
March.....	183.5	226.3	212.3	217.6
April.....	181.1	211.7	205.6	218.8
May.....	186.7	205.0	164.2	201.7
June.....	184.6	203.4	175.7	189.2
July.....	207.5	220.8	184.0	191.4
August.....	185.6	198.4	187.4	183.1
September.....	169.6	182.7	219.1	210.8
October.....	193.4	207.7	218.6	200.0
November.....	166.2	183.7	261.9	223.4
December.....	162.8	170.8	223.1	186.3

Stocks-Sales Ratios.— Stocks-sales ratios for four trades are shown in the following table. The 1949 ratios for dry goods and hardware wholesalers were consistently higher than those for 1948. Little change was evident in wholesale grocers' sales-

stock relationships between 1948 and 1949. In the automotive equipment trade, the ratios of stocks to sales for early months of 1949 were lower than in the corresponding months of 1948, but increasingly higher ratios were recorded for the last half of the year.

Stocks-Sales Ratios¹, 1948 and 1949

Month	Automotive Equipment Trade		Dry Goods Trade	
	1948	1949	1948	1949
January	3.51	3.26	2.14	2.72
February.....	3.31	3.45	2.02	2.68
March.....	3.46	3.42	2.07	2.58
April.....	3.08	2.97	2.21	2.73
May	3.08	2.81	2.42	2.95
June	3.11	2.79	2.46	3.01
July.....	3.20	3.46	3.17	4.08
August.....	2.99	3.02	2.37	2.66
September.....	2.54	2.70	1.93	2.10
October.....	2.22	2.35	1.83	2.14
November.....	2.46	2.90	1.75	2.28
December.....	2.66	3.06	2.30	3.08
	Grocery Trade		Hardware Trade	
	1948	1949	1948	1949
January	1.46	1.46	3.76	4.47
February.....	1.53	1.53	3.66	4.37
March.....	1.25	1.26	3.45	3.99
April.....	1.09	1.17	3.32	3.94
May	1.11	1.13	3.42	3.73
June	1.03	.95	3.32	3.48
July.....	.85	.92	3.69	4.08
August.....	.92	.91	3.74	3.80
September.....	.88	.86	3.22	3.40
October.....	1.00	1.03	3.14	3.25
November.....	1.22	1.03	2.76	3.10
December.....	1.43	1.24	3.37	3.85

1. Ratios that stocks on hand at the beginning of the month bear to cost of goods sold in that month.

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TABLE 1. Index Numbers of Wholesale Sales, 1949

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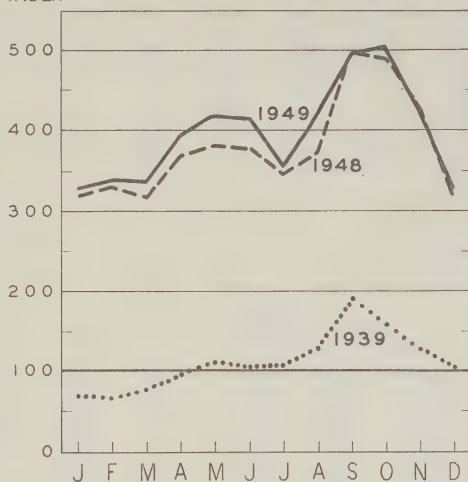
Year	Wholesale Trade						Automotive Equipment Trade				
	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Canada	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada	
January.....	226.6	204.0	263.3	230.3	309.1	243.7	302.0	357.0	329.3	330.5	
February.....	224.6	230.5	252.4	236.9	277.5	245.0	342.5	336.2	344.5	340.1	
March.....	275.0	267.2	288.4	276.3	314.9	283.2	300.9	341.0	357.1	337.5	
April.....	276.6	265.3	304.2	287.6	324.4	291.1	351.7	379.5	432.0	394.6	
May.....	313.6	264.2	339.5	301.7	347.7	303.3	449.1	374.7	457.4	420.9	
June.....	305.1	258.8	325.2	306.8	377.5	310.9	411.8	388.4	450.8	415.0	
July.....	298.5	230.2	288.8	304.3	326.5	285.5	361.7	381.3	330.7	355.5	
August.....	313.9	258.6	310.6	347.7	368.6	317.2	412.1	389.0	438.2	420.4	
September.....	320.1	300.7	328.9	359.6	341.7	332.2	437.4	488.5	506.0	497.2	
October.....	319.6	296.9	305.8	322.2	354.5	314.3	471.5	455.5	529.0	505.4	
November.....	281.8	285.1	305.4	319.9	349.7	306.7	426.5	407.5	442.4	425.8	
December.....	257.2	236.0	282.5	240.7	293.1	261.5	347.9	364.8	311.4	328.0	
Drug Trade				Clothing Trade	Footwear Trade	Dry Goods Trade					
Maritimes, Quebec and Ontario			Canada	Canada	Canada	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada		
January.....	304.5	336.0	313.0	220.6	148.5	184.2	241.1	203.1	206.5		
February.....	260.6	290.2	267.2	225.8	240.7	236.1	270.1	218.7	244.1		
March.....	260.5	305.5	272.5	277.2	343.5	267.8	301.3	266.6	269.2		
April.....	308.8	328.3	315.8	280.9	346.1	254.9	257.0	234.0	253.0		
May.....	310.6	329.3	316.2	242.6	282.2	225.9	261.4	236.1	240.4		
June.....	271.2	337.6	289.0	229.3	206.3	215.6	227.6	180.7	212.2		
July.....	274.0	341.0	291.4	155.0	145.3	115.8	161.1	191.0	146.4		
August.....	307.8	350.7	319.3	270.3	352.3	218.1	306.2	276.0	260.9		
September.....	330.5	303.4	322.4	300.0	408.5	313.2	337.0	345.7	331.2		
October.....	313.5	351.1	324.1	290.7	374.1	256.7	306.9	316.2	289.7		
November.....	327.0	354.3	334.1	280.7	312.9	235.6	316.9	289.2	268.4		
December.....	285.4	344.3	301.1	204.8	222.2	129.0	199.3	173.3	163.3		
Fruits and Vegetables Trade					Grocery Trade						
Maritimes and Quebec		Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Canada	
January.....	166.8	230.5	187.5	201.8	235.2	141.4	234.3	197.6	307.1	217.1	
February.....	202.5	210.5	196.4	204.0	230.9	157.8	217.0	199.8	280.2	212.0	
March.....	241.1	277.3	235.0	255.5	287.6	185.2	244.9	225.9	307.7	241.4	
April.....	259.0	300.5	265.3	254.9	257.1	182.4	245.3	230.3	315.3	240.4	
May.....	300.3	312.7	301.4	311.6	293.8	208.2	265.0	242.3	308.9	255.3	
June.....	274.5	307.7	330.8	309.4	307.3	234.0	304.9	266.6	375.2	289.9	
July.....	239.3	306.1	345.7	304.4	310.0	221.1	289.1	272.9	309.7	277.3	
August.....	192.6	253.1	424.1	303.5	318.6	229.9	292.0	281.6	370.0	291.4	
September.....	147.8	228.8	387.5	263.7	312.8	252.0	299.2	296.2	356.3	297.3	
October.....	166.8	223.1	289.6	243.9	303.8	236.4	270.0	260.6	330.3	269.9	
November.....	185.4	227.5	287.1	234.4	264.6	245.9	273.4	261.9	327.7	268.4	
December.....	184.1	263.8	332.6	268.7	260.5	208.1	249.9	185.1	248.7	224.0	
Hardware Trade						Tobacco and Confectionery Trade					
Maritimes		Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada		
January.....	242.3	341.9	321.8	309.0	310.0	285.0	301.7	314.3	310.5		
February.....	269.4	297.2	327.8	322.4	321.4	284.0	297.6	281.1	292.1		
March.....	320.8	340.0	398.9	371.7	374.5	375.9	327.6	349.0	353.1		
April.....	373.9	336.6	411.9	390.7	382.8	432.3	350.3	334.3	375.7		
May.....	368.8	333.4	433.1	424.6	395.8	385.5	424.8	372.1	410.6		
June.....	347.9	375.2	459.8	419.6	407.7	430.7	392.9	374.6	405.0		
July.....	319.7	316.3	328.8	386.7	352.0	363.1	361.3	371.1	377.1		
August.....	343.9	348.5	340.3	400.0	377.9	372.4	384.7	369.9	380.9		
September.....	412.5	428.8	446.9	403.8	412.2	414.6	368.5	372.6	385.5		
October.....	428.2	386.2	406.7	414.5	407.9	405.2	362.0	374.1	391.9		
November.....	332.7	410.6	441.5	427.8	422.7	403.7	362.4	412.2	391.8		
December.....	262.9	330.6	400.4	307.8	333.8	459.7	400.3	355.2	399.6		

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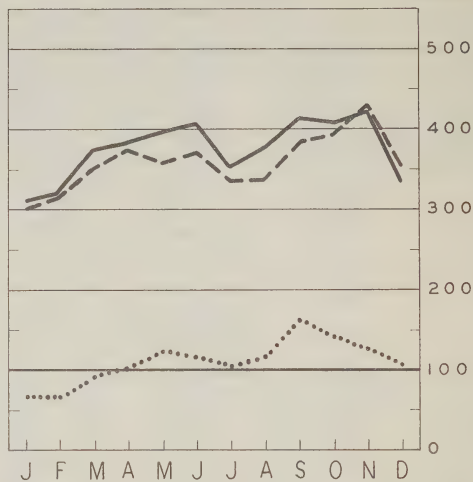
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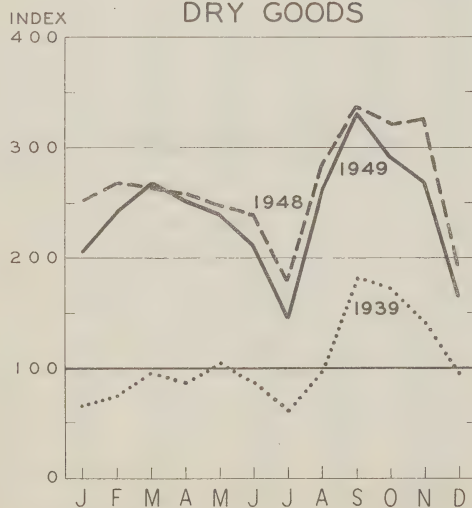


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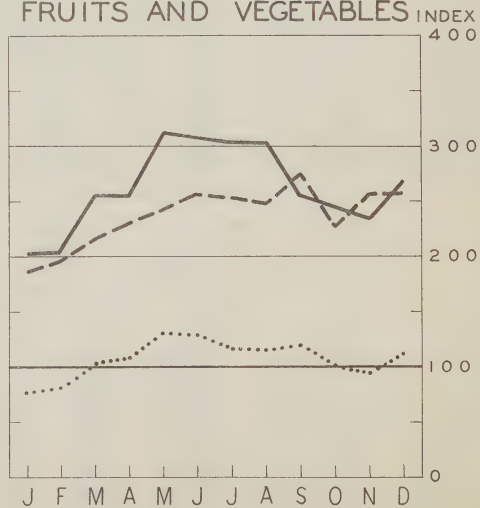
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TABLE 2. Index Numbers of Wholesale Sales, Annual Indexes, 1941-1949 (Average for 1935-1939 = 100)

Year	Wholesale Trade						Automotive Equipment Trade			
	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Canada	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada
1941.....	152.7	140.4	144.2	132.3	155.0	142.0	165.3	161.2	150.0	157.8
1942.....	169.7	152.9	157.4	145.9	175.9	158.2	160.2	142.7	147.4	147.6
1943.....	190.7	161.7	166.0	161.6	190.8	168.3	167.1	138.6	174.5	158.1
1944.....	217.0	176.9	183.6	183.1	199.0	186.0	217.0	165.8	219.8	197.2
1945.....	235.0	191.5	206.9	198.2	226.5	205.4	288.4	204.0	263.6	242.8
1946.....	257.6	223.4	245.9	243.6	271.9	244.0	370.4	299.2	355.1	334.0
1947.....	282.3	255.5	275.8	261.1	314.6	272.0	426.9	348.4	368.6	369.8
1948.....	290.4	263.1	287.7	273.5	333.8	283.2	421.5	365.0	379.3	379.9
1949.....	285.2	258.1	299.6	294.5	332.1	291.3	384.6	388.6	410.7	397.6
	Drug Trade			Clothing Trade	Footwear Trade	Dry Goods Trade				
	Maritimes, Quebec, and Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada	Canada	Canada	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada	
1941.....	146.7	140.6	145.2	142.8	141.6	141.7	151.6	129.7	141.8	
1942.....	166.7	162.3	165.7	170.9	161.0	154.8	171.3	155.7	160.2	
1943.....	183.2	186.5	184.2	177.5	173.1	146.1	152.5	158.7	150.9	
1944.....	201.8	202.0	201.9	183.1	188.8	158.4	166.8	180.9	165.9	
1945.....	220.8	225.4	222.1	186.3	224.0	154.7	168.9	167.4	161.9	
1946.....	240.7	258.0	245.2	229.3	279.4	186.7	211.8	199.6	197.5	
1947.....	250.9	264.2	254.6	255.4	300.8	230.8	270.9	236.5	244.5	
1948.....	274.4	302.0	281.8	265.1	286.8	254.0	281.8	264.3	264.7	
1949.....	296.2	331.0	305.5	248.2	281.9	221.1	265.5	244.2	240.4	
	Fruits and Vegetables Trade				Grocery Trade					
	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Prairies	British Columbia	Canada
1941.....	128.5	139.6	125.2	131.2	150.9	131.5	130.7	130.1	145.4	134.7
1942.....	158.2	160.6	155.7	158.5	165.4	140.8	144.5	138.7	160.6	146.5
1943.....	197.3	198.3	216.1	206.1	184.8	142.8	152.3	137.2	156.2	150.3
1944.....	208.2	211.9	236.2	222.0	210.4	158.2	171.9	155.6	175.0	169.3
1945.....	247.1	257.5	271.2	262.4	224.8	163.3	185.1	162.5	195.0	180.2
1946.....	264.7	284.9	323.8	291.2	246.6	190.4	214.2	190.8	232.2	208.9
1947.....	246.7	283.1	297.7	274.7	279.5	220.5	254.3	218.9	284.2	244.2
1948.....	203.3	242.3	258.1	237.2	288.4	215.8	258.2	236.5	312.0	254.0
1949.....	215.9	261.8	298.6	263.0	281.9	208.5	265.4	243.4	319.8	257.0
	Hardware Trade					Tobacco and Confectionery				
	Maritimes	Quebec	Ontario	Western Provinces	Canada	Maritimes and Quebec	Ontario'	Western Provinces	Canada	
1941.....	151.5	165.6	174.3	161.7	165.2	157.7	150.0	137.6	150.6	
1942.....	159.4	168.1	165.5	173.9	170.0	175.9	173.7	159.9	172.4	
1943.....	162.4	163.3	150.0	191.2	173.1	219.0	202.3	193.8	207.3	
1944.....	188.4	178.0	164.1	196.2	183.8	241.2	224.1	217.1	230.1	
1945.....	200.6	205.1	192.5	226.8	212.0	255.8	260.3	240.7	258.1	
1946.....	253.9	255.4	264.6	298.6	277.4	283.0	294.5	286.6	296.9	
1947.....	300.0	304.5	317.8	342.4	325.0	325.4	309.7	301.2	317.1	
1948.....	335.8	349.4	368.2	363.7	359.7	368.8	345.0	336.9	354.8	
1949.....	335.3	353.8	393.2	381.6	374.9	384.3	361.2	356.7	372.8	



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